

the **W**esterner

OMAHA WORKS MAY 30, 1975

Environmental Gains Cited

Leadership Award Given To Works

The Environmental Control Awards Committee of Downtown Omaha, Inc. has presented the Omaha Works with its Leadership Award.

The award, given during the fifth annual awards presentation ceremonies on May 12, is in recognition of the Plant's "conspicuous leadership in improving the environment in which we live."

In receiving the Committee's highest award, the Omaha Works was cited specifically for environmental accomplishments in the areas of steam boiler modernization, completion of wet scrubber installation, improvements on the wire tinning lines in the Cable Plant and the establishment of an environmental laboratory.

Representing the Omaha Works at the presentation was Dick Veach, department chief, Environmental, Health and Safety Engineering.



Dick Veach accepts the award plaque. In the background is Downtown Omaha, Inc. President Harold Andersen.



Works employee Bill Steinbach came home to this.

Tornado Cuts Devastating Path, Leaves Many Employees Homeless

It was late afternoon on Tuesday, May 6. Storm clouds had been plaguing the Omaha area all day. But now the sky was really getting dark.

There was a general uneasiness among those employees working in the Plant who had caught a glimpse of the weather that afternoon. The Weather Bureau had issued a tornado watch. Following regular procedure, a security guard had been stationed on the roof of Building 20 to watch the threatening sky.

Then everything happened almost at once. A tornado was spotted in the skies southwest of the Plant. The city's civil defense sirens began to blare the warning, followed quickly by the in-Plant alarm. Works employees rushed for shelter then waited and listened while sketchy reports began to tell the frightening story.

This tornado, unlike any other the city had experienced in the past 62 years, overstayed its visit. The gigantic twister had cut a devastating swath across 2,000 city blocks

leaving in its wake three dead, hundreds injured and hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

Dozens of Omaha Works employees lost homes and apartments or sustained serious damage. Among them was Bill Steinbach, Department 144, whose house at 7030 Western Avenue was totally destroyed.

Bill probably spoke for many employees adversely affected by the storm when he said, "Would you please say something in your story about how I really appreciate the help I've received from so many of the people who work here."

Those employees who were fortunate enough to escape the storm's wrath pitched in to help as much as they could. Many spent long, back-breaking hours helping to clear the debris. Hundreds of Works employees deposited clothing in the Goodwill collection boxes which had been set up at various Plant entrances following the disaster.

Additional pictures are on page 3.

Service Anniversaries



Howard Gaebel
422
35 6/22/40



Clarence Peterson
413
30 4/12/45



Roy Martin
663
30 4/16/45



Henry Zyck
422
30 4/24/45



Kenneth Wigg
863
25 4/16/50



Toxie Greer
434
25 4/17/50



Herman Busch
432
25 5/6/50



Hugo Rahja
246
25 6/29/50

20 Years

JACK WALKER 4/3/55
ROBERT EGGERT 4/18/55
ALLEN SCHWAB 4/19/55
GEORGE MAUL 5/2/55
LOREN WACKER 5/5/55
THEODORE BULLING 5/23/55
RUTH HOHEISEL 5/24/55
WILLIAM REA 6/7/55
RICHARD IFFALDANO 6/13/55
ELMER SHARPLES 6/23/55

DEAN ANDERSON 5/23/60
ROSLYN BACKEMEYER 5/23/60
WALTER BOLTON 5/23/60
ELMER HEJHAL 5/23/60
RICHARD KNUDTSON 5/23/60
PETER LYSENKO 5/23/60
DONALD WIECZOREK 5/23/60
RONALD FEIERMAN 5/24/60
EMIL MACH 5/24/60
KENNETH SAAR 5/24/60
PHILLIP KEMPKES 5/27/60
MARIE CUDLY 5/31/60
NETTIE HARDER 5/31/60
CARL NADGWICK 5/31/60
DONALD SCHAAF 5/31/60
MARGARET MASON 6/1/60
WILKIE PEDIGO 6/1/60
BERNIECE SCHAECHER 6/1/60
MICHAEL DU RAE 6/3/60
WALTER PETERSON 6/3/60
JOSEPH KESSLER 6/6/60
EDYTHE WALTER 6/6/60
GEORGE BRIDENBAUGH 6/7/60
HELEN KIRK 6/7/60
PATSY HAMIT 6/8/60
EDWARD DELLINGER 6/10/60
GEORGE COVENTRY 6/13/60
WILMA DUNAVIN 6/13/60
JAMES FAULHABER 6/13/60
L. W. FRANZEN 6/13/60
DWIGHT LOCKHART 6/13/60
JOSEPH MEYER 6/13/60
J. K. SWENSON 6/13/60
GERALD BOYER 6/14/60
PETER LARSON 6/14/60
DOROTHY FLEMMER 6/17/60
RICHARD SPAIN 6/17/60
BETTY SNODGRASS 6/18/60
ALLEN KASPAR 6/27/60
PAULINE MANGELSEN 6/27/60
LOIS WILKINS 6/27/60
ROBERT KOSTER 6/28/60
LOIS WAGNER 6/29/60

RICHARD BOYER 4/26/65
SHARON ALLBEE 4/29/65
GARY ERBES 5/3/65
JOHN LIMPP 5/3/65
ROGER NELSON 5/3/65
THOMAS SISSON 5/3/65
AMOS STARKS 5/3/65
ANDREW BAYERL 5/4/65
RONALD SCHMIDT 5/4/65
BESSIE ALEXANDER 5/6/65
LUCY KLUSAW 5/9/65
DONALD PEARSON, JR. 5/10/65
DANNY STREET 5/10/65
GARY BABEL 5/11/65
RUTH YOUNG 5/12/65
DONALD HARRINGTON 5/17/65
GERALDINE JOLLY 5/18/65
JO ANN PROKUPEK 5/18/65
PHYLLIS BELTER 5/19/65
DOROTHY DUBAS 5/19/65
DIXIE CURRY 5/20/65
VICTOR RUCKMAN 5/20/65
JO ANN SUMMERS 5/22/65
HELEN BARATTA 5/24/65
DONNA BRECHBILL 5/24/65
NORMAN POPE 5/25/65
JOHN BERNADY 5/27/65
STANLEY VACHAL 5/27/65
DOROTHY STIKA 5/28/65
PRESTON CLARK 6/1/65
JOHN LASSEK 6/1/65
HARVEY KUNZ 6/3/65
JOHN BARNHILL 6/7/65
FRANKLIN PATRICK 6/7/65
WILLIAM ROSENCRANS 6/7/65
ROSCOE SECRET 6/7/65
EUGENE STERKEL 6/7/65
LOIS STORY 6/7/65
PETER JOSOFF 6/9/65
JOHNNIE SHAMBLEY 6/9/65
GENE STOLTENBERG 6/10/65
JOYCE HITCHCOCK 6/12/65
SHIRLEY KOLO 6/14/65
UDO LAUBERT 6/14/65
THOMAS MUNGER 6/14/65
JAMES NORVILLE, JR. 6/14/65
NEAL LUNDAHL 6/15/65
LINDA BIELENBERG 6/18/65
IRA ADAMSON 6/21/65
H. E. DAVIDSON, JR. 6/21/65
JUDI BONNER 6/23/65
DOROTHY SPETHMAN 6/23/65
JUNE JAROS 6/24/65
CHARLES GRIFFIN 6/28/65
EUGENE WILLS 6/28/65
CARL JONES 6/29/65
ROSALIE PORTER 6/29/65
FONDA WIBLISHOUSER 6/29/65

15 Years

JOHN PLESKAC 4/18/60
BETTY BLUNT 4/20/60
ELEANOR KRAMBECK 4/20/60
CAROLE MANSHIP 4/21/60
GARY BEUTLER 4/25/60
ARTHUR CLAUSEN 4/25/60
RICHARD KUBIE 4/25/60
EMMA MATTOX 4/25/60
ROBERT ENGEL 4/27/60
DONALD LONDON 4/27/60
WILLIAM POKORNY 4/27/60
JAMES AKEN 4/29/60
MARILYN GOODELL 5/2/60
SHIRLEY KLABUNDE 5/2/60
DONNA BEARDSLEY 5/2/60
DONALD SCHREIBER 5/2/60
MAURICE SPONSEL 5/2/60
DONALD JACOBS 5/4/60
DONALD LUBEN 5/4/60
LEONARD SHANDERA 5/6/60
GARLAND SMITH 5/6/60
IRENE WALLACE 5/6/60
JAUNITA DOWIS 5/9/60
HERMINIA KALASEK 5/9/60
PAUL SPARGEN 5/9/60
RICHARD PLANTE 5/10/60
DOROTHY DENNIS 5/11/60
DYER HANCOCK 5/11/60
NORMA LONDON 5/11/60
AMELIA SCHREIBER 5/11/60
ASTERIO CARBONELL 5/13/60
ORLAN JURGENSON 5/13/60
BONNIE McCALL 5/14/60
FRANCES SANDERS 5/15/60
MARY CHANDLER 5/16/60
ROCCO FERRUCCI 5/16/60
DWIGHT MORRIS 5/16/60
LAWRENCE TIETZ, JR. 5/16/60
VERA BRANTZ 5/17/60
SARA MARCHELLO 5/18/60
ETHEL SYLVIS 5/19/60

10 Years

MARIE MARTINES 4/2/65
RICHARD SUVERKRUBBE 4/5/65
GERALD PETERSON 4/7/65
MARTHA ROSS 4/8/65
LYLE NICHOLSON 4/12/65
VINCENT RICHARDSON 4/12/65
LIELA MATZEN 4/14/65
LENZOLA BOHANNON 4/19/65
DONNA WAJDA 4/19/65
WILLIAM ISKE 4/22/65
ORENE MOORE 4/23/65
ROBERT FITZGERALD 4/24/65

Omaha Works Sa Jun



Chris Amatulli
Department 422
"I buy bonds because it's a good way to save money."



Bud Wroger
Department
"I buy bonds because it's an easy, comfortable way of saving."

Retirements



Howard Debus
432
31 Years



Loretta Townsend
143
30 Years



Marie Sitzman
331
26 Years



D. R. Halliday
432
25 Years

Savings Bond Drive 2-6



because it's
nient way



Betty Brown
Department 541
"I buy bonds because
they offer a sense of
security."



Edwin Jaehne
423
35 Years



Frank Matousek
135
34 Years



Frank Sladek
300
28 Years



Viola Fowler
433
27 Years



Dorothy Bowman
432
24 Years



Virginia Hurlbut
332
15 Years

Tornado Leaves Destruction



*Works employees Delores
and Dale Hill took shelter
in their basement as the
twister destroyed their
home.*



*Some Works employees
lost their apartments
when the storm struck the
Wentworth complex.*



*Left — the tornado took
the home but not the
courage of Works
employee Joy Benning
and her family.
Right — free phone
service was provided for
tornado victims.*

Moves

R. J. Laux
from Manager, Engineering and
Manufacturing — Thin Film Circuits, Metals,
Electronic Apparatus and Components,
Hawthorne Works, to Comptroller, Omaha
Works



G. W. Henderson
from Assistant Manager, Cable Shops, to Assistant Manager, Engineering (Cable Shops)

R. P. Lee
from Assistant Manager, Crossbar Unit A&W Shop, to Assistant Manager, Cable Shops

D. M. DeBoer
assumes the duties of Assistant Manager, Crossbar Unit A&W Shop, in addition to his current
duties as Assistant Manager, Crossbar Frame A&W Shop, and Loop Transmission Apparatus
Shop



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: Michael Miller, son of Omaha Works Planning Engineer Glenn Miller, has received a 1975 Western Electric Fund four-year Merit Scholarship. Mike is pictured above with his parents as he received the Merit Scholarship plaque from Works General Manager Frank Lefebvre. For all of 1975, more than 3,700 high school students will win Merit Scholarships valued at over \$8 million. This year Western Electric Fund Merit Scholarships will be awarded to 45 high school seniors who are children of Western Electric employees.

Direct Deposits Encouraged

If you're not participating in an automatic paycheck deposit plan at one of several Omaha-area banks offering the program, you may be missing out on more than one bargain banking service.

Many banks participating in the direct deposit plan offer a variety of free services. You should contact your bank or call the Works Financial Organization to learn exactly what special privileges go with a direct deposit plan.

With vacation time approaching, you'll discover some real advan-

tages in the program. At many banks, there's no service charge on travelers checks or money orders purchased by direct deposit plan participants. Another big advantage is the fact that just prior to vacation, your paycheck is deposited in the bank. So the money is there when you need it.

Before you complete your vacation plans, contact your bank and discuss the automatic paycheck deposit plan. It's a time and money savings you shouldn't overlook.



BASKETBALL CHAMPS: The Right On Silkies have taken the championship in the 1975 Weoma Club men's basketball competition. The team took the title in the Class A Sunday league prior to taking the overall championship. Team members include those pictured above. From the left, they're John Langerman, Ed Reed, Nate Jackson, Don Schaaf, Larry Woolridge (captain) and Willie Roach. Not pictured are Ken Melies, Arthur Scott and Sam Singleton.

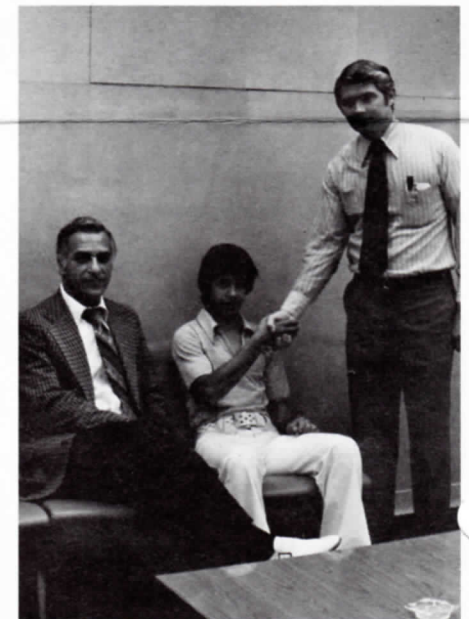
Lease Is Extended On 613 Building

The lease for the 613 building, which is occupied by Omaha's Customer Planning Organization, has been extended to April 30, 1976.

Explained Glen Bodinson assistant manager, 9960, "Our lease was extended to permit our local Customer Planning Organization to continue to service the Pacific, Southwestern and Central Regions with cable and wire products until their Material Management Centers become operational."

Once these three MMCs become operational, work in the 613 building will be phased out and absorbed by the MMCs.

The Material Management Center for the Mountain Northwestern Region in Underwood, Iowa, was the first MMC to absorb the servicing of products previously handled through the 613 building.



OUTSTANDING STUDENT: As a member of the Board of Directors of the West Omaha Exchange Club, it was John Ahearn's turn to present the Youth of the Month Award to a West Omaha junior high school student. It turned out to be a Western Electric affair when John, department chief, 257, learned that the recipient of the monthly award was ninth-grader Ron Caniglia. Ron's father, Sam Caniglia, is a section chief in Department 341. A student at Arbor Heights Junior High school, Ron was cited for his outstanding qualities both as a student and an athlete. He's pictured receiving John's congratulations while Sam plays the proud father.



Western Electric

*Remember . . .
Blood Donor Days
June 12 & 13*