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OMAHA WORKS

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R. B. Schaefer Promoted To Headquarters

R. B. Schaefer has been promoted to director of Administration and Industrial Engineering, Headquarters.

Associated with Western Electric since 1952, Dick began his career as a business methods investigator at the Baltimore Works. His subse-

R. B.
Schaefer



quent assignments included section chief at Baltimore and department chief at the Merrimack Valley Works.

Dick was transferred to the Hawthorne Works in 1965 as assistant manager, Payroll and Vouchering and in 1967 was named comptroller of the Omaha Works. Prior to his recent promotion he was serving as manager, Engineering and Manufacturing — Cable, Quality Control and Works Service.

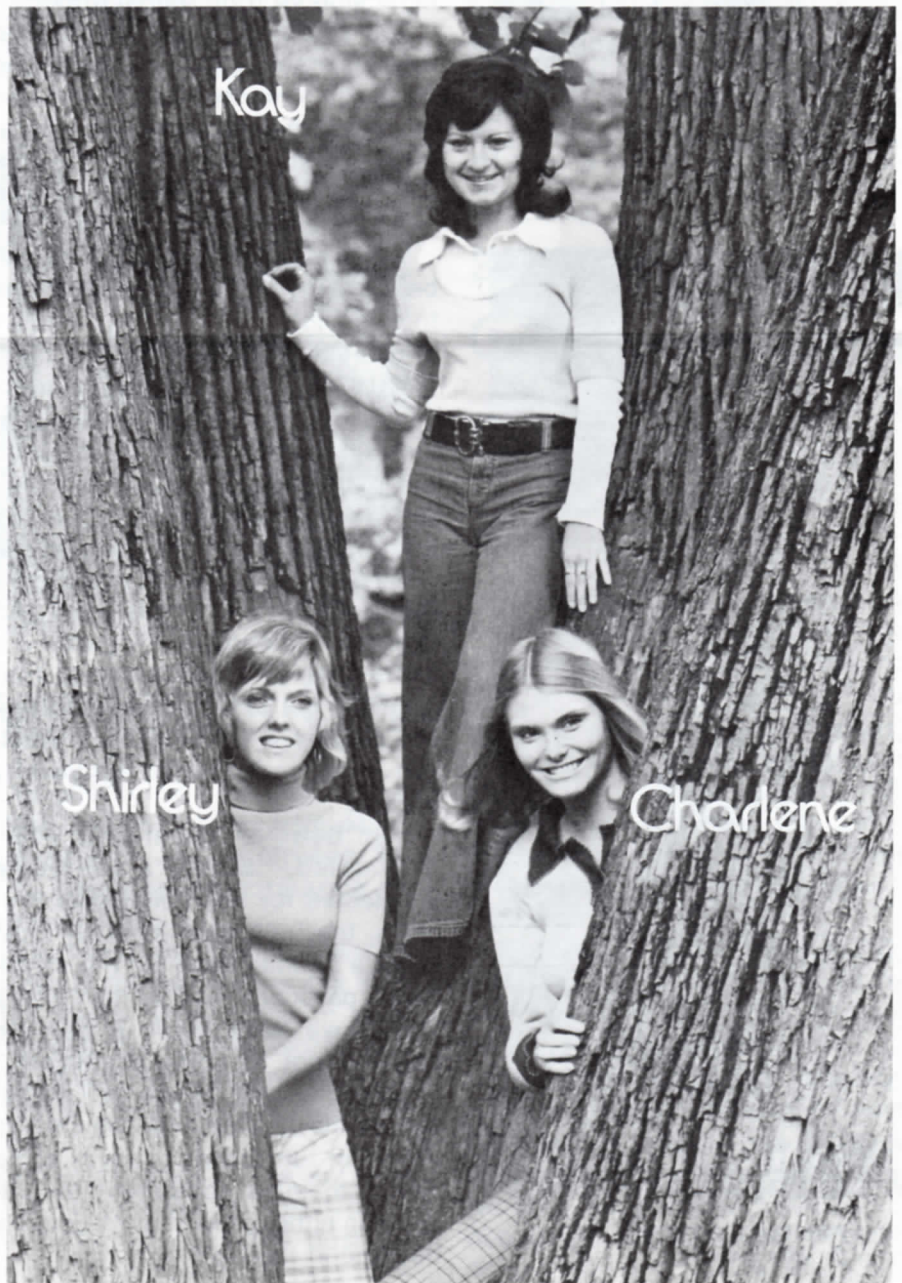
A graduate of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Dick also earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland, and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Fires take lives,
ruin jobs and cost money.

**FIRE
PREVENTION
WEEK
OCTOBER 7-13**

Miss Weoma Finalists

(see story on page 2)



Jeff Orley

Masters Degree Courtesy Of Western Electric

Jeff Orley lives in Omaha, is a planning engineer in Department 175 at the Omaha Works and drives to Lincoln, Nebraska, nearly every morning of the week.

One might be inclined to believe that Jeff is heading in the wrong direction. That's far from the truth.

In actuality, Jeff is heading for a masters degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He is being totally supported in his efforts by



Studies now occupy a good portion of Jeff's time.

Western Electric.

Jeff was among 30 professional and supervisory Western Electric employees selected earlier this year for graduate study under the Engineering and Science Fellowship Program. The 1973 participants are the first to enter graduate school under the program which has been designed to meet the existing and growing technical needs identified by local Western Electric locations.

"Participants in the program select a curriculum that will benefit them at their locations," Jeff explained. "A good share of my work over the next two years will center around a study on the vibrations emitted from punch presses."

Jeff elaborated, "In my work at the university, I will be attempting to design a model of a punch press mounting that, given the same parameters of the presses here at the Omaha Works, will effect some degree of noise abatement.

Various types of mountings will be used in the experimentations to determine which could be the most effective.

"A while back, Western Electric gave the University of Nebraska at Lincoln a service contract to do this particular type of research," Jeff noted. "The university wanted a graduate student to work on the project. Then I was selected as a participant in the Engineering and Science Fellowship Program. It's somewhat of a coincidence that it turned out to be a Western Electric employee working on a Western Electric-financed university project."

Tom Bowman, department chief, 175, noted, "Before a candidate is selected for this Fellowship Program, the individual location must show a definite need for the candidate's particular skill. At the Omaha Works we have made a definite commitment to noise abatement."

So while Jeff heads to Lincoln for his masters degree, the Omaha Works in turn heads towards some valuable noise abatement techniques. In either case, that's definitely heading in the right direction.

A New Queen To Be Crowned On October 27

On October 27, one of the women pictured on the cover of this issue will begin her reign as Miss Weoma XVI. Competing for the title are Shirley Mines, Kay Subbert and Charlene Wilkins.

Shirley
Mines



Some background information on the candidates includes the fact that 25-year-old Shirley likes to hunt, fish, play softball and go boating.

Kay
Subbert



Twenty-two-year-old Kay's outside interests include softball, bowling and dancing. She also attends evening classes at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Charlene
Wilkins



Water skiing, swimming, tennis, poetry, bicycling and a puppy named "Buffy" occupy 21-year-old Charlene's spare time.

This year the Fall Frolics Dance will again include the efforts of two musical groups, "Bittersweet" and Greg Spevak. The dance and coronation ceremonies will again be held at the Holiday Inn Annex, 72nd and Grover. Tickets are available at \$1.50 per person.

And remember to hold onto that ticket stub. Some lucky person will win two Nebraska football tickets in a drawing to be conducted during the course of the evening.

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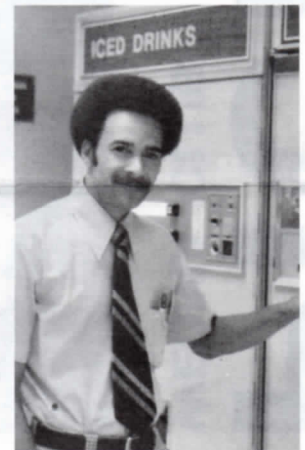
Thanks to people like the Omaha Works employees pictured on this page, last year's UCS in-plant drive topped its goal. And this year, thanks to people like these and hundreds of others at the Omaha Works, it will work again.

The Omaha Works will conduct its 1974 in-plant UCS drive, again a joint management-union effort, the week of October 8-12. This year's drive co-chairmen are John Bourke, assistant manager, 410, and Mike Quinlan, president, IBEW Local 1974. Won't you help UCS work again? By meeting its goal, UCS can in turn meet the needs of thousands of people in the Omaha-Council Bluffs communities. When you support UCS, you support people like yourselves who at one time or another utilize the services of the approximately 50 UCS-funded agencies. Familiar names like Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, Red Cross, Visiting Nurses and Salvation Army are a part of UCS. If you helped it work last year, won't you help it work again? And if you haven't before been a contributor to UCS, won't you think it over? Only through the combined efforts and contributions of everyone, can the campaign hope to realize its city-wide goal of \$4,137,000.

Thanks to you it's working. And it can work again.



Rita Doherty
Dept. 132



Nate Shaw
Dept. 341



Neil Smith
Dept. 253

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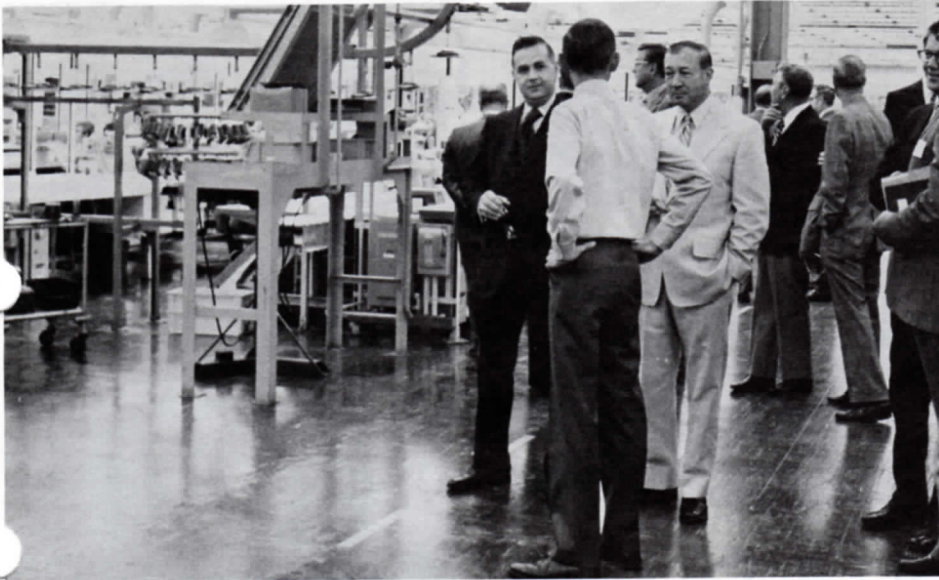


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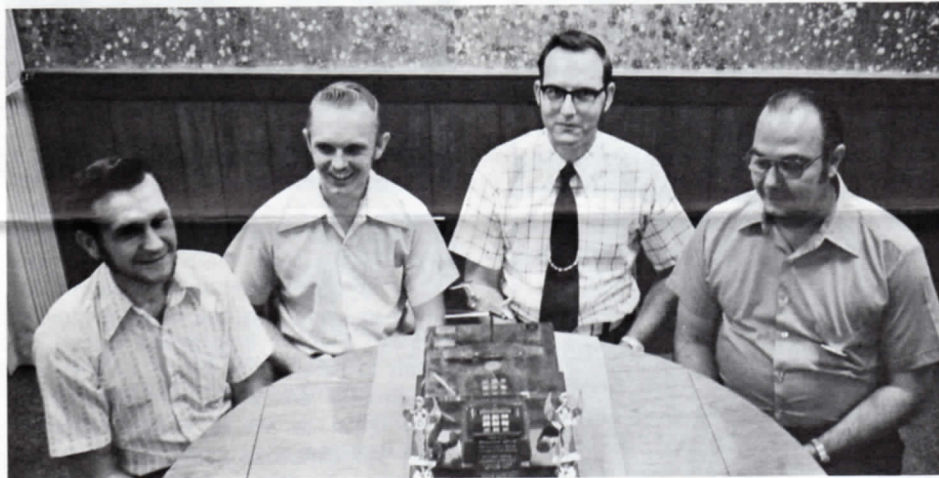
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SWITCHING DIVISION GENERAL MANAGERS convened at the Omaha Works for a two-day conference, September 5 and 6. Included in their schedule was a tour of the crossbar facilities. Shown speaking to Frank Kravchuk, department chief, 132 (with back to camera) are Gene Eckel, left, vice president, Manufacturing Switching Equipment, and Omaha Works General Manager Frank Lefebvre.



Vern, left, Len, Wayne and Don accepted trophy for their section.

Traveling Trophy Moves On

Employees in Department 253-4, Loading and Expediting Exchange Cable, are the most recent recipients of the Merchandising Organization's NEVER SAY NO traveling trophy.

Headed up by Section Chief Don Vinson, the honorees include Shirley Gilberts, order service clerk; Dan Schrader, production control clerk; Vern Krysl, production service clerk; Wayne Alexander, production service clerk; David Stastny, production service clerk; and Len Kovar, investigator.

"The entire group was chosen," explained Virg Jochimsen, department chief, 341, "due to their col-

lective efforts not only within their section but in dealing with other organizations and in striving for 100% shipping performance in exchange cable."

Indicative of the section's service success is the fact that at the time of the trophy presentation in early September the Omaha Works had 100% shipping performance in exchange cable for 43 consecutive weeks.

Virg emphasized, "The success of the Omaha Works' service efforts is based upon the positive service attitudes of people like those staffing Department 253-4."



The quality of the finished product attracted a number of visitors to the Works' Cable Plant during last June's Open House.

250 SUB-BRANCH

Guarantee Quality...

What does this statement mean to you?

To the people at the Omaha Works Cable Shop it means pride, achievement, and satisfaction of a job well done. That Quality is not just a "sometimes thing," but rather a task that is never ending.

Quality sessions featuring films, slides, and explanations to the importance of quality are being introduced to the Cable Shop employees. This is a reminder to insure a higher quality level.

Emphasis is directed to individual process checking to relate the effect good quality has on each employee.

Quality Control Team Meetings have been very effective in helping to solve many of the problems which have occurred, as well as warding off possible troublesome conditions. With this type of *Quality Awareness* the Cable Shop will continue to "Guarantee Quality."



Larry, second from left, is now working on a second patent. He's pictured with Rex Mallory, department chief, 273, left, Dick Schaefer, 200 Organization and Dick Iaffaldano, assistant manager, 270.

Moody Awarded Patent

Larry Moody, a planning engineer in Department 271, has been awarded a patent for a process developed in the Works' Cable Plant.

A Western Electric employee for 17 years, Larry is a graduate of the Tool and Die Training Program and earned a Bachelor of Science degree while attending night school over a period of nine years.

Explaining the work which led up to the patent, Larry noted, "We filed for the patent in September 1970. And it wasn't until May of this year that we received notification of its acceptance."

During the three-year lapse between application and acceptance, the proposed patent was studied not only by Western Electric's patent attorneys but by government attorneys as well.

Larry's patent revolves around the process of waterproofing cable. More specifically, it concerns the application of the PEPJ compound to the metal stripping surrounding the cable core.

Admittedly happy over the receipt of the patent, Larry commented about the process, "It's a way of getting the job done that just happened to be patentable."



CHARLES W. PETERSEN, JR., son of plant engineer C. W. Petersen, Department 753, was recently presented a check for \$200 in recognition of his status as a National Merit Scholarship finalist. Charles, who is now enrolled at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, is one of 28 children of Western Electric employees across the nation to receive the award. Charles and his parents are pictured following the presentation by Works General Manager Frank Lefebvre.

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