

# THE WESTERNER



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*Omaha Works February 12, 1969*

## **Dunn Named Comptroller**



JIM DUNN, assistant manager, labor relations and personnel, since September, 1968 succeeded R. B. SCHAEFER as Omaha Works comptroller February 1. SCHAEFER is now manager of the crossbar shops.

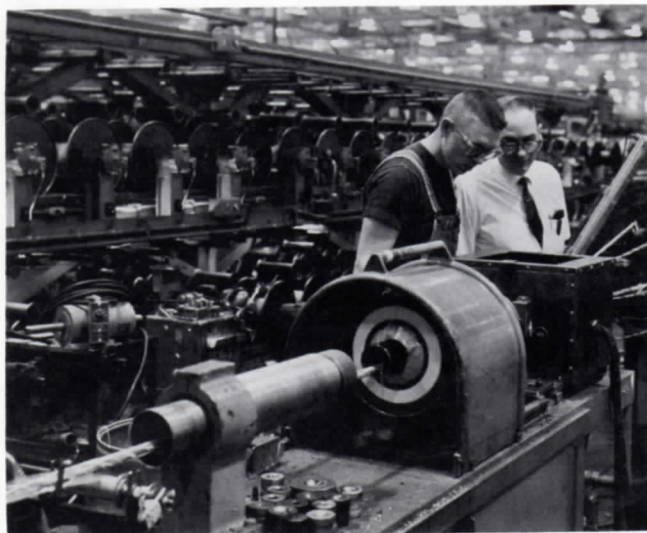
A native of Burlington, Iowa, DUNN was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1954 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce. He received the degree of Master of Science in Business and Engineering Administration from Illinois Institute of Technology in 1963.

He joined the Company as a staff trainee at the Hawthorne Works in 1957. He was an auditor, manufacturing practices from November 1958 until his promotion to section chief in May 1959. DUNN was promoted to department chief in 1962 and attended the Company's management training program at headquarters during the first six months of 1964. He was promoted to assistant manager at Hawthorne in February 1965.



Bill Gates, chief of Department 242, commends two members of his organization, Herman Abraham and Larry Charko, for their community spirit. On their own time they recently taught the Standard American Red Cross First Aid course to a group of employees at Control Data Corporation, the Omaha Works' neighbor to the east. A team of qualified instructors at the Omaha Works makes it possible for first aid instruction to be a continuing thing. There are a number of classes on schedule for the immediate future.

## **Tests Show New Cable Blocks Out Moisture**



Machinist Ronald Hanner (246) and Engineer Tom Heim (743) check the application tank prior to manufacture of experimental cable for Bell Telephone Laboratories tests.

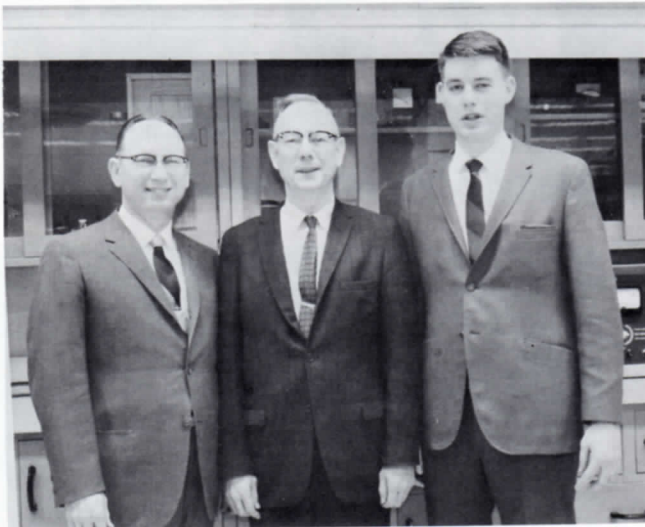
The Omaha Works has a vital part in field tests of a new type of cable construction designed by the Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Facilities were set up here several months ago to manufacture cable, as needed for field testing, which is filled with a petroleum jelly-polyethylene compound that fills the air spaces inside the sheath.

Tests have established that, in the event of a break in the sheath, moisture cannot enter and cause the several difficulties that reduce the efficiency of the cable and, in serious cases, render it unusable.

The new construction is designed primarily for buried systems; however, the moisture protection may also be applicable for aerial installations. The cable, which blocks out moisture 100 times more effectively than existing cable jackets, is being considered for limited production.

# WEOMA CLUB NEWS ROUNDUP



1969 Science Club officers. Ray Van Cura (755), president; Russ Herwig (751), vice president and Leo Davis (752), secretary.



Heads of the various sections of the Science Club are Tom Heim (743), modelers; George Ketchum (734), astronomy; Fred Kujawa (245), camera; Claire Poulson (734), audio.

## ASTRONOMY AND SCIENCE CLUB

The election of Science Club officers for 1969 took place last month with voting closing on January 22. The results of the election are thus:

President: RAY VAN CURA (755) - re-elected  
 Vice President: RUSS HERWIG (751) - re-elected  
 Secretary: LEO DAVIS (752)

## SCIENCE CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May I take this opportunity to thank the members for electing me President and I shall serve this office to the best of my ability. A meeting of the officers and division heads will take place in February to see what can be done to make all divisions active and attractive to the membership. Our biggest drawing is always our Noon-Hour Movies, which are attended by members and non-members alike.

February will also be member getting time. Our motto this year should be, "Every member get a member."

R. G. Van Cura - 755

## MUSIC CLUB

Do you like to have a good time? Do you enjoy singing? Or playing an instrument? If you do, then this is the group for you. Come rehearse with the chorus on Wednesday and Friday and the band on Tuesday and Thursday at 12 noon in the Company Auditorium. If you have any questions, contact DWIGHT CATLETT (724), Ext. 3712 or ROY BAKER (241), Ext. 3074.

## CHESS CLUB

The Weoma Chess Club is preparing for their 2nd annual championship tournament. It will be held in the main cafeteria on Sunday afternoons starting March 1 and running thru March 31. Anyone interested in playing should contact one of the Club officers. We have trophies and prizes for the winners. There are sections for players of all strengths.

President: DON CARPER, Ext. 3135  
 (2nd shift)  
 Vice-President: JACK FRUM, Ext. 3135  
 Sec.-Treasurer: WALTER WOLFF, Ext. 3078

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Weoma Club Women's Basketball League has played two regular season basketball games. On January 23, 1969, the Hot Wire's won their first game because the opposing team, The Gold Diggers, forfeited. On January 30, 1969, the Gold Diggers defeated the Mod Squad by a margin of 40 - 28. The high scorer on the winning team was CATHY MADSEN (732) with 24 points, and the high scorer on the losing team was MARSHA SEALS (434), with 22 points.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Weoma Club Men's Basketball league is nearing the end of the season with only two games left to play.

A meeting of all team captains will be held prior to the final league game to make plans for the tournament. If a sufficient number of teams enter, there will be a Class A and a Class B tournament.

As of January 26, the league standings and records are as follows:

### Wednesday Night League

<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Silkies	7	0
Set Shots	5	2
Red Devils	4	3
Underdogs	3	4
Upsetters	1	6
Cable Formers	1	6

# Lobby A Busy Place

During 1968 there were 15,079 people other than Omaha Works employees who had business here and registered at the receptionist's desk. The total includes 12,122 sales and service people, 980 visitors from other Western Electric locations and 1,977 who toured the Omaha Works facilities. Here are some examples of lobby activity on a typical day.



Receptionist  
Lorraine Borman.



Alternate Receptionist  
Nera Milius



Creighton students sign in for a tour.



Gail E. Bimber, Sylvania sales representative, arrives early.



George Nothhelfer, manager of the Omaha Safety Council, attaches his visitors badge.



Al Holler and Dick Keslick of the Hawthorne engineering organization report for a day's work at Omaha.

## Club News Continued

### Sunday Afternoon League

<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Deuces	7	1
Hawks	5	2
Swishers	5	3
Tool Room	2	5
Leftovers	2	5

### BRIDGE CLUB

We had a good turnout at Northern Natural Gas Thursday, January 30. As announced in the special bulletin, Wednesday, February 12 was the first night of the Club Tournament. The second round of the Tournament will be Wednesday, February 26.



Some of the action as the Set Shots took a one-sided 89-21 victory over the Upsetters February 5, at Millard High Gymnasium. It just wasn't the evening for the Upsetters to live up to their name.

## **WANT ADS** For information concerning ads, call Weoma Office, extension 3617.

### HOMES FOR SALE

3 bedroom ranch house with family room and 4th bedroom in basement. Detached garage. \$16,750. 3517 So. 121 St. Call 333-8439.

2 bedroom home, 4121 No 78 St. New carpeting, large rooms, nice area. Full basement, attached garage. 88' x 135' lot. 391-4216.

1966 Biltmore Mobile Home - 12' x 60'. 2 bedrooms, furnished, air-conditioned. Reasonable, close to Western Electric. 289-4592.

1967 Van Dyke Mobile Home - 12' x 65'. 2 bedrooms, furnished except dining room set. Call 359-5228 after 5 p.m.

### ROOM FOR RENT

Sleeping Room for rent. 1303 E. Jackson, Millard. Call 334-5117.

### WANTED

1966 Chevelle custom 300 station wagon wanted. Condition not important. Call 334-1150.

Johnson or Evinrude 6 to 10 hp. outboard motor. Call 334-2700.

### AUTOMOBILES AND ACCESSORIES FOR SALE

1956 Buick Super in good running condition. Call 556-0869.

1967 Crovair 2-door Sport Coupe 500 series. Call 296-2278, Platts-mouth.

1967 Mustang Fastback - 390, 4 speed, Power steering and brakes, 18,000 miles. See to appreciate. 731-9700.

Olds or Pontiac 1957-1962 Hydro transmission new last year, will sell for \$50. Call 622-4131, Pacific Junction, Iowa.

16' Trail Blazer Travel Trailer, 2 gas tanks, gas refrig., 10000 BTU gas furnace. Sleeps 4 or 6. Electric Brakes. Driven 500 miles. 331-6280.

### MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Tent 9 x 15, cooler, 1 cot, 2 burner stove, all for \$60. Call 393-4234.

Commercial type buffer, also scrub bucket and squeezer. Make offer. Call 334-5011.

Coleman 2 burner campstove, brand new, never been opened. \$10. 331-5450.

98 piece set of Mikasa China - 12 place setting. Make offer. Call 322-6331, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Danish Modern couch and chair, \$50. Brown Couch, \$25. Call 553-0628.

Akai M-8 tape recorder. 40W. 3 speeds. Call 551-9581.

Grandfather clock in excellent condition. \$265. Call 339-8416.

### RIDES WANTED

Sharon Pauley - 454. Ride wanted from 2736 So. 9th St. 7-3:30 shift. Ext. 3565. Home Phone 346-0453.

Doris Triplett - 434. Ride wanted from 7622 So. 41 Ave. 7-3:30 shift. Ext. 3471. Home Phone 731-6985.

Karen Oldfield - 421. Ride wanted from South 25 St. between "H" and "I". 7-3:30 shift. Ext. 3367. Home Phone 731-8130.

Ardis Vance - 112-1. Ride wanted from Fremont. 8-4:45 shift. Ext. 3058. Home Phone 721-7381. Fremont.

Linda Nielsen - 112. Ride wanted mornings only from 314 No. 117 St. 8-4:45 shift. Ext. 3049. Home Phone 334-0250.

Angie Armendariz - 434. Ride wanted from vicinity of 16th & Missouri Ave. 7-3:30 shift. Ext. 3476. Home Phone 733-6674.

Delores Dunekacke - 242-3. Ride wanted from vicinity of 50th & California. 8-4:45 shift. Ext. 3104. Home Phone 553-4641.

Karen Shelton - 453. Ride wanted from vicinity of 23rd and Vinton 7-3:30 shift. Ext. 3559. Home Phone 341-7444.



A group of blood donors who received recognition as members of the gallon club. Front row, from left: Mary K. Zielinski (Miss Weoma), Richard Laughlin (241), Ken Bernhardt (246), Dale Snyder (241), Virginia Koziol (257), Phyllis Hemmingsen (434), Chloe Gale (434), Jim Williams, Jr. (322), Dan Dankof (731). Second row: Jerry Gau (241), Larry Anderson (441), Daniel Dunning (453), Mike Grudenic (241), Jim Phillips (241), Jean Willey (422), Nadeen Kingry

(422), Jack Philby (253), Adrian Van Oevern (240) - -first aid certificate, also. Third row: Jim Bosworth (500)- -presented certificates- -Max Strong (264)- -president of the Weoma Club- -George Thiel (437), George Runstrom (761), Larry Lamb (742), Bob Wilkerson (433), Fred Donaldson (6354), Donald Dai (741), Kenneth Sanders (423), Charles Koukol (245).



Certificates for completing the Bell System First Aid and Personal Safety Course were presented to these employees at a coffee in their honor. One of them also received a certificate for participation in the American Red Cross blood program. First row, from left: Ruth Engler (451), Audrey Bond (242), Marie Pope (267), Esther Lopez (422), Rita Kaczmarek (451), Marion Ponec (329), Marie Becker (422), Cheri Regelean- -a member of the Miss Weoma court, Jane Swierczek (422), Barb Page (722), Nadine Berg (663), Vickie Garber (422). Second row:

Linda Anderson (522), John Burnn (726), Milt Sanders (726), Hugh Peters (726), Bob Wilson (328), Wayne Harris (433), Harold Wheelock (511), Lloyd Ellsworth (433), Pat Kealy (252), Gordon Kohlscheen (433). Third row: Maury Mulligan (511), Bob Dostert (324), Jerry Eichner (513), Bob Wilkerson (433)- -also a blood donor- -Kenneth Kraning (454), Roy Goraczkowski (267), Don Israelson (433), Wally Holm (329), Joel Bond (252), Adrian Van Oeveren (240), Jim Bosworth (500)- -presented the certificates.



A group of gallon club members and first aid graduates (indicated by B or FA with their department numbers). Front row, from left: Jessie Eberly (423 FA), Dick Jones (452 B), Ronald Portrey (263 FA), Erwin Herzog (437 FA), Floyd Rastede (452 FA), Darlene Payne (435 FA), Katherine Eggersgluess (423 B), Barb Fuksa- -a member of the

Miss Weoma Court. Second row: Leo Killian (451 FA), Jim Royer (251 B), Darwin Fager (241 FA), Merle Mock (435 FA), Maldon Dawson (246 FA), Jim Lewin (443 FA), Fred Korb (443 FA), Blanche New (424 FA), Alice Gibson (442 B).

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
W. E. Campers Camp-out at Wilson's Island & Desoto Bend <b>1</b>	Labor Day W. E. Campers: Camp-out at Wilson's Island & Desoto Bend <b>2</b>	Band Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>3</b>	Chorus Rehearsal - 12 noon Sportsmens Club 7:30 p.m. - Co. Auditorium <b>4</b>	Band Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>5</b>	Chorus Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
WEOMA CLUB PICNIC 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. <b>8</b>	Noon Movie: 9 "The Challenge of Racing" <b>9</b>	Band Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>10</b>	Chorus Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>11</b>	Band Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>12</b>	Chorus Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Trap & Skeet Club at Robert's Shooting Park 1:30 p.m. <b>15</b>	Noon Movie: 16 "Pennsylvania" <b>16</b>	Band Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>17</b>	Chorus Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>18</b>	Band Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>19</b>	Chorus Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>20</b>	Men's Golf Playoffs <b>21</b>
Boat Club: "Chicken" Outing <b>22</b>	Noon Movie: 23 "Year of Disaster" <b>23</b>	Band Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>24</b>	Chorus Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>25</b>	Band Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>26</b>	Chorus Rehearsal - 12 noon <b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Trap & Skeet Club at Robert's Shooting Park 1:30 p.m. <b>29</b>	Noon Movie: 30 "To Reach the Dawn" <b>30</b>					

# SEPTEMBER

## **Tyrcha Finds Hobby As MC of Polish Hour**

If you tune in radio station KOOO between 9 and 10 on Sunday morning and sense that the announcer on the Polish hour sounds like JOHN TYRCHA, a section chief in Department 242, it is because the announcer is none other than JOHN.

But if you say, "I didn't know he had a second job" you are jumping to conclusions. What you are hearing is a man pursuing a hobby for which he has extraordinary enthusiasm. JOHN is not on the KOOO payroll. Being a radio announcer for an hour each week is strictly a labor of love.

He found his hobby over ten years ago. He was a regular listener to the program that made an instant hit among some 50 thousand people of Polish descent in the KOOO area. It features polkas, mazurkas, obereks, waltzes and just plain homey visiting with the listeners. JOHN called the station and offered several suggestions on how the program might be improved. His interest was appreciated and he was asked if he would like to participate on the program. He said yes and immediately set out to polish up his Polish which he learned from his foreign born parents and used frequently in his childhood neighborhood in Chicago.

Nebraska Polish-Americans, especially members of the first generation, were delighted to hear the language that is still used extensively in their households. In a short time the Polish hour was JOHN'S show. Even though he accepts no salary for his one hour a week on the air and considerably more hours of preparation, JOHN feels he is well compensated for his efforts. A quick look at just a few letters from the stack of mail he gets every week at the station explains why. A gentlemen approaching 80 requests "a nice waltz for the sweetest wife in the world" on their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Another letter asks that a number be played in honor of a seventy-fifth birthday. Children make requests for their parents and grandchildren in their own sweet way for their grandparents. Names of some of the writers might be Schmidt, Valenti, Cermak, Ferguson or even McCarthy. Although a name is changed through marriage the strong family ties, love of wholesome, lighthearted fun and everything else that identifies the Polish heritage show through in the letters.

JOHN uses the language that is appropriate to each request. The old folks love to hear him acknowledge requests in Polish. Most of the third and fourth generation Polish-Americans prefer English. And that, by the way, goes also for the many listeners who are not of Polish descent, but still like to join the folksy hour of fun each Sunday on KOOO.

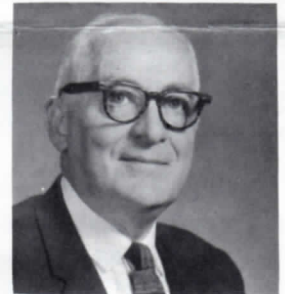
After he has prepared his program JOHN has some leisure time remaining each week. He uses this to head up a program for collecting paper back books to be sent to service men in Viet Nam which is sponsored by the Goetze Council of the Telephone Pioneers.



An hour a week behind the KOOO mike is a rewarding experience for John Tyrcha.

## **Paul Jones Retires**

PAUL JONES, department chief, auditing (921), will retire from Western Electric March 1, after nearly 25 years of service.



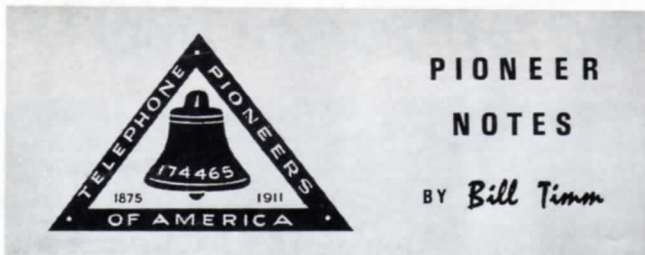
He started at the Hawthorne Works as an accounting clerk and continued through assignments of increasing responsibility. He was promoted to department chief in July, 1954 and transferred to the North Carolina Works. He came to the Omaha Works in March, 1958.

## **Omaha Works Engineers Exhibit At Crossroads**

Among the observances of Engineers Week February 17-22 by Omaha Works engineers will be an exhibit in the mall of the Crossroads shopping center at 72nd and Dodge Streets.

The exhibit will include an operating unit which will transmit recorded messages describing modern telephone equipment. Visitors will dial a number on telephones to receive the message.

There will also be photographic displays of the Omaha Works showing cable and crossbar manufacturing operations.



The committee is hard at work on the program for the Pioneers Men's Stag which is tentatively scheduled for some time in March. Date and place is contingent upon some of the program details that must still be worked out. Last year's stag featured a talk by John Hlavacek, news commentator on KMTV.

Last fall the Pioneers living in Lincoln, held a dinner-party in Lincoln and it was a huge success. Virtually all Lincoln Pioneers attended along with a large number from Omaha. With such a big initial success and the fact that the number of Pioneers living in Lincoln will increase appreciable in the next few years it was decided that this dinner dance should be an annual affair. Date for the 1969 Lincoln Dance is June 7. The place, price and other details will be announced shortly. As was the case last year, Omaha Pioneers are cordially invited.

Goetze Council President ART EULER, Vice President RAY KELLY and Member at Large BUD PETTERSON attended a chapter executive committee meeting at Sioux Falls, South Dakota February 6-7. Among the matters discussed at the meeting were chapter by-laws and assignment of responsibilities of members at large to bring about more concerted effort among the council in the chapter.

The Pioneer wives who work on third dimensional devices for the visually handicapped and call themselves "The 3-D Girls" along with their husbands and the officers met for dinner Saturday evening, February 1. Later they attended "Star Spangled Girl" at the Omaha Community Playhouse starring Madelyn Rusthoven, daughter of JACK and ANN RUSTHOVEN. Mrs. Rusthoven is a member of the group working on three dimensional devices.

The local council executive committee has requested that starting with January, 1969, new Pioneers have their pictures in this column. Newcomers last month were:

Mildred Grasmick



Harriett McIntosh



Kenneth Olson



## Gary Powell Promoted

GARY E. POWELL, senior information systems staff member in Department 322, has been promoted to department chief and transferred to the Shreveport Works where he will head computer development and data processing. The change became effective February 1.



He joined the Company in September, 1963 through the college recruiting program following graduation in industrial engineering from Montana State College. Following several assignments in engineering he attended the Lehigh Masters program at Western Electric's Research Center in Princeton, New Jersey from July, 1965 to July, 1967. He returned to the Omaha Works upon completion of the program.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Guy E. Flora

Funeral services for GUY E. FLORA, 36, an operating engineer in Department 244, were held February 1, at Faith Methodist Church in Millard. Interment was at Evergreen Memorial Park. He died January 27 at a local hospital following an extended illness.

He had 11 years of Western Electric Service and survivors include his widow and four children.

### Sam Ferlise

Funeral Services for SAM FERLISE, 53, section chief in Department 251, were held February 12 at St. James Catholic Church. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery.

He died February 8 and had over 30 years of service with the Company. He is survived by his widow, a daughter and son.



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