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Proclamation

Whereas, the Telephone Pioneers of America, with 345,000 members, is the largest voluntary association of employees in the United States, and

Whereas, the organization, founded 60 years ago, has consistently lived up to its goals of Loyalty, Fellowship and Service, and

Whereas, these goals have helped create a sense of unity and friendship among Pioneers, and

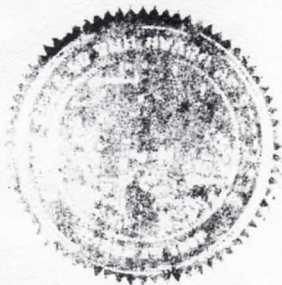
Whereas, in Nebraska alone, Pioneers contribute thousands of volunteer hours annually to provide educational and recreational material and personal assistance to the handicapped, the aged, the orphaned and the disadvantaged, and

Whereas, the people of Nebraska and the Telephone Pioneers can take pride in the three generations of telephone men and women who have served Nebraska since the first telephone was installed here 94 years ago,

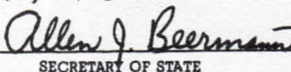
Therefore, I, James J. Exon, Governor declare the week beginning October 24, 1971, as

Telephone Pioneers of America Week

and urge the people of Nebraska to observe this week and to set aside October 28, 1971 as Telephone Pioneer Day, the Diamond Anniversary of the association's founding, a day for the telephone industry to honor past, present and future Telephone Pioneers.



Signed 
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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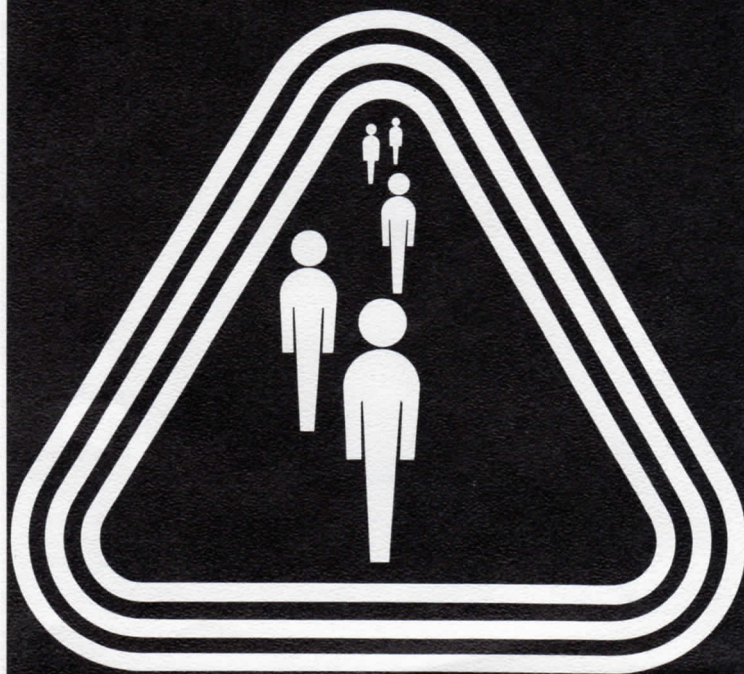
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They'll create three-dimensional story books and maps for the visually handicapped. They'll assemble more taking dolls and audio balls. And they will type song books in large lettering for the aged with partial sight.

But most of all, they will serve. They will work with the sick, the disadvantaged, the lonely, the retarded, the handicapped and almost anyone who needs help.

The Omaha Works is proud of its Telephone Pioneers.



Gallery of Goetze Council Presidents



J. J. Kaufman
1959-60



F. J. Payne
1960-61



L. O. Petersen
1961-62



F. A. Braun
1962-63



E. R. Campbell
1963-64



R. B. Burton,
1964-65



D. L. Hansen
1965-66



M. C. Kwater
1966-67



J. C. Rusthoven
1967-68



A. C. Euler
1968-69



R. J. Kelley
1969-70



W. C. Dodge
1971-71

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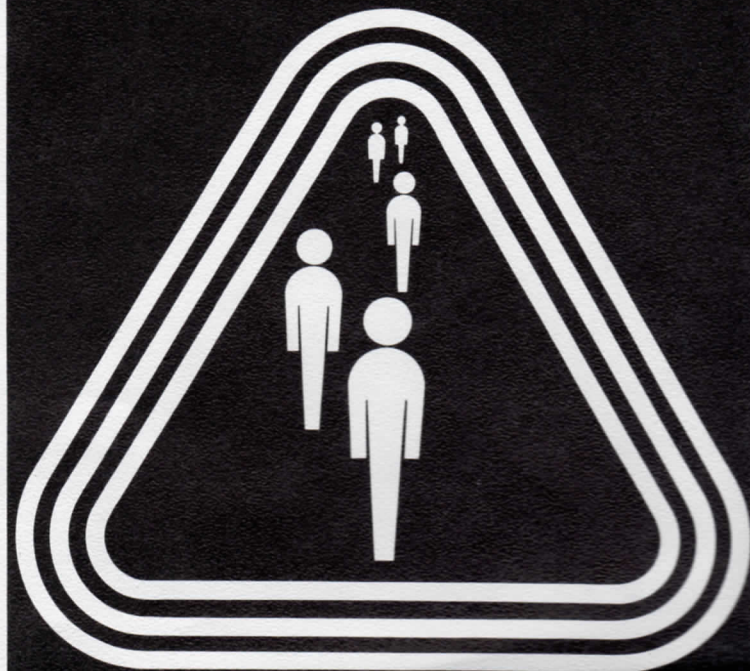
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On October 12, Governor J. James Exon declared the week of October 24 as Pioneer Week and October 28 as Pioneer Day and urged "all citizens of Nebraska to observe these dates in honor of the Telephone Pioneers for the many volunteer hours spent in their '60 Years of Human Service.'" Pictured (l-r) are Libby and Max Kwater, Yost Chapter President, Gov. Exon, Jiny and Ed Gambill, Vice President Region 3.

A Salute to Telephone Pioneers

Fellowship, loyalty and service. These are the three goals and motivations of the Telephone Pioneers.

Membership in the Pioneers can provide a great way to get together with old friends in the business, but today service is a more compelling reason for the organization's existence than ever before. Members and other volunteers contribute almost a million hours a year to helping people in some kind of need.

As a group, the Pioneers have a lot to give. Specialists in all of the many skills it takes to run a telephone system, they have applied their talents to a wide variety of human problems.

Not surprisingly, their ingenuity has been applied especially to the communica-

tions problems of handicapped people: the blind, the deaf, autistic children, those with speech impairments, people with learning difficulties.

A full spectrum of human needs and an equally full spectrum of services to meet those needs are what Pioneering is all about. To the Pioneer who has spent long tiring hours recording textbooks, service is seeing that student graduate from high school or college.

For the Pioneer, who has pushed himself mentally and physically, service is learning that the audio ball he created and built brings joy and happiness to blind children.

To the Pioneer, who gave hours of volunteer time bending over a table

making three-dimensional story books for the blind, service is the exhilarating, incomparable joy of seeing a child learn for the first time what a feather feels like or understand the geographical lay of the United States.

And for all Pioneers, service is knowing that by giving of themselves to help others they have made the world a little better and have knit the bonds of fellowship and loyalty in the Telephone Pioneers more closely together.

In their "60 years of service to humanity," the Telephone Pioneers have built a tradition of service. Loyalty, service and fellowship have been the sides of their triangle. The word "passive" was nowhere to be found.

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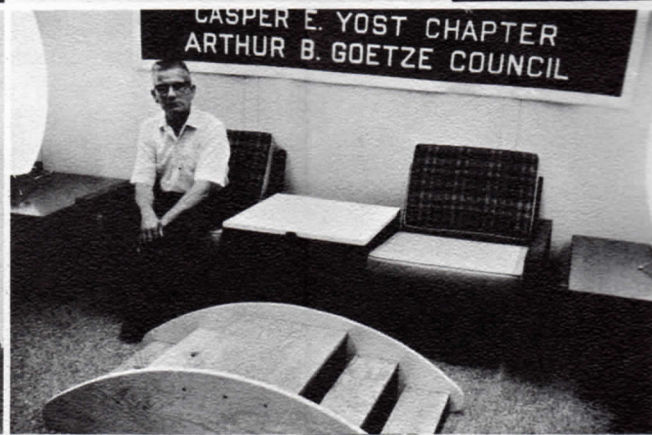
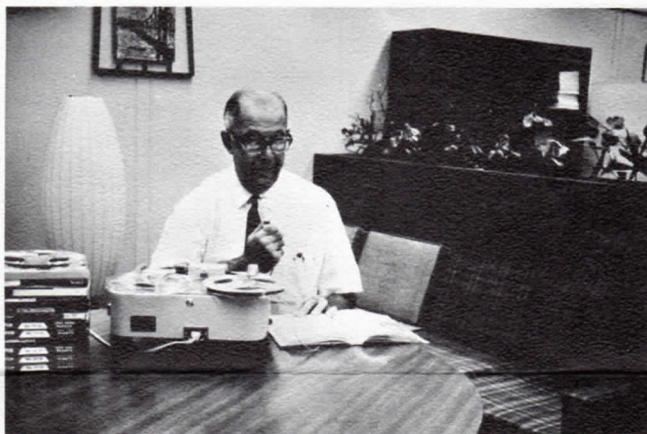
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Goetze' Service to Humanity



Omaha Works' Pioneer Honor Roll

—Life Members—

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Harold Eno	Harold Janke	Ellis Olson	Lyle Senglaub	Goldie Zajick
James Farnsworth	Key Jewett	Mike Osterchill	Mayme Severa	John Zelenka

—Active Members—

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Vernon Dill	Frank Havelka	Gaylor Long	Herb Schober	Hugo Rahja
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John Doan	John Hearity	Larry Lyons	Jim Schwetz	George Pappas
Bill Dodge	Loretta Hein	Edward Maas	Wally Scott	John Randall
Robert Donahoo	Duane Hiatt	John Mack	Bonnie Sengpiehl	Bernard Kunz

Telephone Pioneering Dates to 1910

It all started in 1910, the year the telephone celebrated its thirty-fifth birthday. At that time, three men who contributed importantly to the early development of the telephone, Henry W. Pope, Charles R. Truex and Thomas B. Doolittle, began to discuss the idea of forming an association of men and women, who had served the industry for a number of years.

A. B. Goetze Council Founded on the Telephone Industry' Tradition

Pioneering is a tradition; a tradition of loyalty, friendship, and, most of all, service.

It is a tradition carried by telephone people wherever they go. So it's not unusual that when Western Electric built a manufacturing plant in Omaha, the telephone people, who came to staff it, brought their Pioneer tradition with them.

In 1957 men like A. L. (Andy) Anderson and Aaron Cox banded together at the Omaha Works to form a council of the Telephone Pioneers of America. But in those early years in Omaha, the Western Electric group was too small to form a council, the smallest Pioneering organization. Undaunted by this, they aligned themselves with the Northwestern Bell Telephone Pioneers' Omaha Council until 1959. At that time, membership at the Omaha Works had increased sufficiently to qualify as a council.

The Omaha Works Pioneers named their Council after a man who had long shown a keen interest in the Pioneering tradition and held a record of dedicated service to the telephone industry. That man was Arthur B. Goetze, who served as President of Western Electric from 1956 until his death in 1959.

With Jack Kaufmann at the helm in 1959, the newly chartered A. B. Goetze Council moved ahead to fulfill the Pioneer traditions of loyalty, fellowship and service, soon establishing a reputation as an aggressive organization in the Casper E. Yost Chapter.

Under the leadership of successive among long service employees, active and retired, of the telephone industry; they have created an attitude of fellowship with a spirit of loyalty to each other and the telephone industry; and they have

It was only natural that the title of this group should include the word "pioneer" - no other word describes more suitably the spirit of the association.

Theodore N. Vail, who at that time was President of A.T.&T. Company, enthusiastically supported the idea, and within a matter of months the association had several hundred members.

excelled in their efforts of service to the community.

The Pioneer Association is comprised of 13 regions with a total of 81 chapters and 1000 units called councils or clubs. The Casper E. Yost Chapter, one of five chapters in Region 3, covers Nebraska and South Dakota and has 3000 members,

The Yost Chapter was chartered in September 12, 1922 and this year is celebrating its 50th year. The Yost Chapter is comprised of seven councils. Max C. Kwater of Dept. 6354 is Chapter president and Art C. Euler is a member of the executive committee.

The Arthur B. Goetze Council is presided over by: Richard Branecki, President, "Bud" Fanckboner, Vice President John Jacobson, Secretary-Treasurer.



Branecki

The success and future growth of the telephone industry depended on a large extent on the strength of just such a spirit.

With this title and this spirit, the Telephone Pioneers of America held their first meeting on November 2, 1911 at the Somerset Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

That was the beginning.

Membership in the Pioneers grew rapidly. Soon it became necessary to form chapters, where activity and organization could be more systematically administered and the objectives more efficiently fulfilled at a local level. Later, chapters were divided into councils.

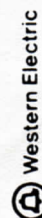
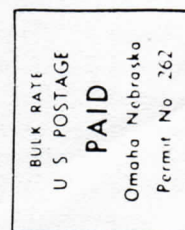
The association of Telephone Pioneers includes many life member units for retired telephone industry employees.

The legislative body of the Pioneers is the General Assembly, which is composed of the officers and representatives of the chapters.

At the Assembly's annual meetings the officers and representatives review Pioneer objectives, discuss current problems and ideas and consider new plans for the future. The delegates from the various sections then carry out these newly formed plans and decisions in their own areas. In this way, each division is kept informed of any changes and uniformity is maintained.

With units in 50 states and every Canadian province, the Telephone Pioneers is the largest organization of its kind in the world.

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