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Fire and rescue brigade members Wally Seitzer (from left), Marv Nickell and Bob Belik tend to an "injured" accident victim, Don Teague. As part of the brigade's monthly drill, a forklift-pedestrian accident was staged so brigade members could practice their skills. In the background, crew members administer to a second accident victim. For more on the story, turn to Page 4.

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Oct. 7 kickoff date for United Way drive

On Oct. 7, the Omaha Works kicks off its annual in-plant United Way of the Midlands fund drive.

As in past years, the campaign will include employee rallies in the auditorium. There will be prizes and maybe a joke or two. And then, the meeting will get down to business.

Employees will learn that this year's goal is a tough one — \$575,000 within the Works, said Herb Rhodes, manufacturing manager for network distribution apparatus. Rhodes, Ken Mass of IBEW Local 1974 and Pat Nicholson of Local 1614 are co-chairing this year's drive. Department chief Tom Vierk is campaign coordinator.

For more than 60 years the United Way of the Midlands has been working to build a better community. Its agencies and services are reknowned for assisting people during emergencies or times of crisis.

But what is important to remember, Rhodes pointed out, is that United Way benefits all members of the community beyond emergencies and crises. Even if we don't directly depend on a United Way agency for some form of assistance, chances are someone close to us or someone we know does.

Agencies like the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, Visiting Nurse Association or the Red Cross eventually touch upon our lives in some way. In 1984, local United Way services included the following:

- United Catholic Social Services provided temporary and homelike emergency shelter and support to 451 victims of

domestic violence.

- The Salvation Army assisted more than 28,000 persons by subsidizing costs of emergency food, clothing, shelter and utilities.
 - The YWCA gave rape prevention presentations to some 57,000 Omaha area residents.
 - The United Way Information and Referral Service received 14,237 calls from persons requiring guidance and referred them to the appropriate human service organizations that could meet their needs.
 - Almost 4,000 persons received home nursing care, 65 percent of them being elderly.
 - More than 102,000 units of blood and blood products were collected and distributed through the American Red Cross.
 - Nearly 7,000 youths and adults were served through alcoholism and chemical abuse programs in treatment, education and prevention.
 - Nearly 12,000 persons were trained and certified in the lifesaving skills of CPR and first aid through local American Red Cross chapters.
 - More than 150 women were served through the post-mastectomy rehabilitation program of the YWCA.
 - The Boys Clubs served 3,176 boys from disadvantaged backgrounds through a variety of programs focusing on social, artistic and educational development.
- The theme for this year's campaign is "Keep it working." Rhodes said it is essential that the Omaha Works meet its campaign goal this year to "keep it working" for all of us.



KEEP IT WORKING!

*IN TRAINING . . .
Warehouse worker
Lloyd Reed (fore-
ground) of Dept. 540
receives instruction
from AMAPS trainer
Rita Gourlay and
Merle Dinslage of the
AMAPS planning
staff.*



AMAPS cutover continues

For a number of months "AMAPS" has been on everyone's lips. Now it's on everyone's CRTs.

That is, another phase of AMAPS is on the CRTs — the phase that pertains to the Omaha Works' storeroom inventory. It marks an important milestone in the introduction of the AMAPS program.

AMAPS stands for Advanced Manufacturing Accounting Production System. It is a computer software system the Works is using to fully introduce MRP II here. At the heart of MRP II — Manufacturing Resource Planning System — is developing a production control system that helps control inventory by having the necessary material at the right place at the right time.

The Works has been "cutting over" from its previous software system to the AMAPS system, which represents a more formalized accounting of inventory, better planned jobs and

ultimately improved service to the customer. Cutovers are made in modules, with the most recent — Aug. 26 — being the material control system (MCS) module which includes inventory.

Essentially what has happened is that "everyone with a CRT can now check our inventory" anytime and get an accurate report, said Merle Dinslage who is on the AMAPS planning team. With the former key-punching system, as material came in or went out of the storeroom, that information wouldn't show up until 24 hours later.

Storeroom employees now record on their terminals all of the inputs and outputs for the day — some 2,000 transactions, Dinslage said. "Everyone is singing from the same sheet music," he said, because everyone's CRT will read the same with regard to inventory. The confusion stemming from a 24-hour lag in recording time is gone.

The other half of the MCS cutover — pertaining to manufactured orders — is tentatively set for October, Dinslage said. That cutover and the inventory cutover are critical to the AMAPS plan, because they involve investment costs. The plan must work to keep control

of inventory and our costs down, he explained.

So far the inventory cutover "has been beautiful," Dinslage said. Storeroom employees have adapted quickly to the system and without error. He credits their enthusiasm and the training they have been given in AMAPS classes.

A number of people have been responsible for the success of the AMAPS program so far, he added.

Information systems department employees have been working to integrate the AMAPS software with existing software systems. Fred Cottone has directed the installation of terminals, printers, controllers and some 20,000 feet of wire for the system.

The AMAPS planning team has been working non-stop, Dinslage said, and he is particularly grateful to the members of his MCS inventory team — Chuck Sipe, Al Jones and Tom Adamson. They made sure "all bases were covered" in the cutover.

Dinslage is confident that "if the order portion cutover (in October) goes anywhere near as well as the inventory portion, the total AMAPS cutover will be a success."

Full cutover is scheduled for the latter part of 1986.

Emergency!

Fire, rescue brigade is on the job

"This is an AT&T rescue call. Person struck by a forklift, south of Building 42 in the mall area."

In the seconds that followed, only a gentle breeze rustling the leaves of trees broke the silence in the mall. The scene had an eerie feel, the kind of eeriness one feels in a simulated situation that is too close to reality for comfort.

Within moments a coverall-clad pipefitter pedaled his bike onto the scene. He found a woman sprawled on the grass, with wounds on her arms and face and her right leg bloodied.

Nearby on the other side of the mall's access drive was a forklift truck on its side, its driver pinned beneath it. A cargo of heavy steel pallets was strewn about. A blood-red splotch on the roadway marked the impact point, where a pedestrian had been hit by the forklift.

Serious business

Sound serious? This wasn't a true life-or-death situation but, yes, it was serious. The "accident" scene was posed as part of a monthly drill for the Omaha Works Fire and Rescue Brigade — and this brigade takes its drills seriously.

"I'm Guy Tramp and I'm on the fire brigade," the pipefitter told the female accident victim. "We're going to help you — just take it easy."

He was joined by Larry Arp of the brigade and soon after the other seven members of the brigade's day shift. In all there are 27 brigade members who serve on three shifts.

Within two minutes the brigade can respond to an emergency with its rescue squad and firetruck anywhere on the Works' premises, said brigade chief Rich Schmitz.

EMERGENCY! . . . Members of the Omaha Works Fire and Rescue Brigade tend to a "Code 3" victim during a simulated emergency. In the background is an overturned forklift truck and scattered cargo, with the driver being the second victim.



To date, the brigade has responded to most emergencies in "less than a minute," he said. As of Aug. 27, the brigade responded to 37 rescue calls (since February of this year) and to 17 fire calls (since February of last year).

Prepared for worst

This particular drill was more elaborate than most, but it was necessary to test the response of brigade members in the most difficult of situations.

"Do you know your name . . . do you remember what happened?" a crew member asked the injured woman. This wasn't just polite conversation, but important in establishing the consciousness of the victim, Schmitz said, and to put her at ease.

Brigade members checked the "vitals" of both the man and



the woman — blood pressure, pulse and respiration — being careful to record it in a notebook. The woman was found to be the most seriously injured.

She had a broken leg, a broken elbow and a broken arm, and suffered facial lacerations. She was a "Code 3," in a semi-conscious state and could easily die of shock.

The male victim suffered a battery acid burn to his forehead and a broken wrist. He was a "Code 2," meaning his injuries weren't life-threatening. While a brigade member remained with the man to bathe his forehead with water, the others worked quickly on the woman.

Her leg was placed in an air splint. Her elbow was put in a "ladder splint" and her other broken arm in a wood splint. With a braced wrapped around her neck, the woman was placed on the Works' rescue squad

and whisked away. The squad returned shortly to transport the male victim. In all, the brigade performed its duties in about 15 minutes.

Call for help

Schmitz said not all of the brigade's emergency calls are as critical as the simulated accident, but the crew is prepared in case such a situation arises. Not long ago a brigade team responded to an actual "Code 3" call when cleaning fluid exploded in a restroom, injuring a contract worker. The brigade evacuated employees from Building 50 when a fire erupted and "we've had numerous hand injuries," particularly crushing accidents, Schmitz noted.

More and more employees are realizing that they should call Ext. 3222 for the brigade when injuries or fires occur rather

than handle the situation themselves, Schmitz said. Most of the brigade members are current or former members of community fire and rescue squads. Most are trained emergency medical technicians, three are paramedics and all are trained in CPR and first aid.

"We have had good cooperation from all of the employees, and the company supports the brigade's efforts 100 percent," Schmitz said. But he did issue a reminder.

All employees should know the location of the nearest telephone — the emergency number is taped on that phone. "They should also know where they work — the column number, the department and the building," Schmitz said. "And please, keep the aisles unblocked so our squad and firetruck can get through."

Love-Life

Practicing safety is good for your health

The following is one in a series of articles about health as part of "Love-Life," a health education program developed by the Immanuel Medical Center.

Want to read a scary story? Try this one.

- On the average, 130 people are killed every day in traffic accidents.
- Four million Americans are injured in traffic accidents every year; many of them permanently maimed.
- More than half of all of the people killed in traffic accidents were drivers or passengers in the front seat.
- The vast majority of fatal accidents occur at speeds of 40 miles per hour or less and within 25 miles of the victim's home.
- Fifty percent of all passenger car fatalities involve a front impact by at least one vehicle.
- About 15,000 lives would be saved every year if seatbelts were used regularly by all passengers and drivers.
- Alcohol was involved in more than 50 percent of all traffic fatalities last year.

Make it click

Unfortunately, the facts speak for themselves. If seatbelts were used and alcohol were not used when riding or driving in a car, there would be fewer traffic accidents, deaths and injuries AND less expensive insurance premiums.

Just by wearing a seatbelt, your chances of getting out of an accident alive are six times better than if you didn't wear one. If you don't wear a seatbelt, you are 25 times more likely to be killed if you are ejected from a vehicle during an accident.

And, although it's true that one out of every 200 accidents ends up with a car catching fire or being submerged in water, your chances for injury are still

considerably less if you are wearing a seatbelt. It takes a fraction of a second to unbuckle and escape.

Tips to remember

Nobody likes a lecture — especially on safety procedures we know we should follow — but occasional reminders are helpful. Keep these tips in mind:

- Wear your safety belt when driving or riding in a car. It works.
- Don't drink while driving or even riding. As a passenger you need to keep a clear head in case of an emergency.
- Always use child safety restraints when children are in the car. It keeps them safer and gets them in the safety belt habit.

- Encourage driver education in your school system. Don't be afraid to take away driving privileges if your child shows he or she can't handle the responsibility. Remember, a child takes his own life and the lives of others into his hands on the road.

- Resist the temptation to break the law when you are in a hurry. It is hard to teach traffic safety to your children when you don't follow it yourself.

- Never forget that driving is a full-time job. Pay attention to the road, traffic conditions and your own feelings. Don't push yourself or your car.

- Drive defensively. Don't become an innocent victim of someone else's bad driving.



Service anniversaries

30 years

R. A. Ackley	405	9/16
R. D. Edgman	540	9/6
R. G. Hallett	425	9/19
R. F. Kemp	273	9/1
G. P. Koppert	471	9/12
T. L. Lutzl	540	9/14
R. L. Miller	448	9/6
G. Pasieniuk	403	9/19
M. N. Roth	425	9/20
D. G. Schrader	534	9/13
L. E. Sis	041	9/22
R. L. Swanson	405	9/6
N. S. Totosz	045	9/13

25 years

R. W. Beckman	402	9/29
C. H. Brown	443	9/6
F. J. Cappello	403	9/15
J. R. Carl	297	9/20
B. D. Chard	295	9/14
R. L. Coleman	295	9/6
J. M. Fitzgerald	425	9/6
R. S. Haines	429	9/6
D. A. Hallam	293	9/25
D. Z. Livingston	402	9/12
D. P. Mongar	293	9/15
A. D. Olsen	293	9/21
B. R. Schuerman	1113	9/12
N. R. Schuttler	402	9/16
L. Tyler Sr.	295	9/21
L. R. Weaklend	041	9/9
B. H. Wiblishouser	448	9/28
C. B. Wiebelhaus	041	9/30

H. G. Rush	296	9/8
K. W. Russell	444	9/13
E. W. Schaecher	429	9/17
K. H. Schmidt	402	9/28
R. L. Sellin	444	9/15
H. L. Spangler	424	9/22
S. B. Stuart	429	9/20
J. M. Sutej	429	9/27
G. J. Updegraff	444	9/27
M. M. Vandeventer	206	9/9
D. R. Walraven	424	9/20
L. Wilson	429	9/9

15 years

J. Alvarado	444	9/14
D. C. Arnburg	296	9/21
B. S. Bekaert	444	9/14
B. C. Clanton	444	9/17
E. W. Coker	444	9/8
C. H. Drake	448	9/6
L. C. Fischer	424	9/4
M. S. Foster	444	9/16
G. L. Giesing	045	9/14
D. N. Glaessmann	429	9/28
L. F. Hendrix	444	9/4
L. E. Hoffman	448	9/27
M. L. Mainelli	429	9/5
L. S. Meyer	445	9/17
R. Morgan	048	9/14
J. M. Mueller	444	9/14
D. C. O'Neal	296	9/22
J. P. Phalen III	444	9/14
W. M. Psota	045	9/14
T. R. Risinger	429	9/14
R. S. Schimonitz	448	9/21
C. J. Schultz	048	9/21
D. P. Stewart	296	9/4

20 years

J. J. Andry	500	9/1
E. R. Ariza	442	9/22
C. H. Bailey Jr.	206	9/15
A. R. Buehler	205	9/20
D. R. Cunningham	425	9/9
M. H. Franklin	201	9/13
G. L. Gage	041	9/27
R. G. Giles	296	9/2
J. L. Hardick	294	9/21
R. A. Hassler	540	9/27
A. L. Johnson	447	9/27
W. D. Kirtley	531	9/30
J. W. Kohrt	429	9/13
B. K. Kruse	3442	9/1
J. J. Kvetensky	072	9/14
J. L. McDonald	429	9/13
D. J. McNulty	045	9/16
W. Morgan	429	9/7
M. H. Patterson	429	9/16
E. S. Reed	295	9/13

10 Years

M. L. Altic	075	9/24
T. N. Diblasi	424	9/24

Retirements



Dick Sawtcky
26 years



William
Wallace
27 years



Roger Ove
25 Years

Not pictured:

Hugh Short — 33 years
Wayne Bundy — 30 years
Timothy Elligson — 30 years
Rodney Bartunek — 26 years
Frank Clayton — 26 years
Donald Stivers — 24 years

Quality hotline number connected

You won't get dial-a-joke or even garden tips on how to keep the purple-winged harvest beetle out of your pumpkin patch.

But dial **Ext. 3466** and you will reach the Omaha Works' newly installed quality hotline number. Employees are encouraged to call the number to report problems they think affect quality on the job.

The hotline is an outgrowth of a quality awareness training

program in which all employees participated earlier in the year. Feedback from employee sessions indicated a need to develop an organized method of reporting quality-related problems and follow-up to resolve them.

The hotline records the caller's name, department number and problem. An SQC (statistical quality control) investigator then checks into the matter for a possible solution.



Last frame

One more time . . .

Before the autumn leaves fall and reattach themselves to our lawns, let's pack a picnic lunch and go to Peony Park.

We'll scream on the roller coaster and grab a fine steed on the merry-go-round or maybe just catch a snooze in the great outdoors.

One more time . . .

Before we check our car antifreeze level and wipe the salt off our winter boots, let's take a swing at the Cornhusker Pioneers' dunk tank at the annual WEOMA Club picnic.

We'll eat cotton candy among Corny Clowns and take a nostalgic walk down the rows of collectors' antique cars. Our bones will ache just by watching young break dancers put on a show, but maybe we'll take first prize in the egg toss or another game.

One more time . . . let it be summer.



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