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Pioneers put *Westerner* on Tape

They'll never make the Top 40, but the tapes that Kaye Travnicek records every few weeks provide information to which several Omaha Works employees have never before had easy access.

In her work as a volunteer for the Telephone Pioneers, Kaye has begun to record the *Westerner* on cassette tapes for distribution to Works employees who are blind or visually impaired.

Also included with the transcription of the paper are items taken from the local newspaper.

The Pioneers began the project following a suggestion made by Dick Zlab, an employee in Department 422, who is now among the *Westerner's* "listening" audience. Employees wishing to take advantage of the tapes must provide one blank cassette tape. They must also have access to their own cassette player.

Additional information regarding the project can be obtained from the Pioneers.



Kaye, standing, assists Jo Dee Quarles, Department 137, with one of the cassette tapes.

Mosses "In The Swim" During Vacation

For Your Information...

... this is the last issue of the *Westerner* you'll receive until after standard vacation. We hope you'll take the time to read the special safety advice in this issue and use it to make this vacation the best you and your family have ever had ...

... we'd like to remind those of you who are members of Ak-Sar-Ben that the Bob Hope Show will run from July 22-27. If you have a ticket and plan to be in town, don't miss this opportunity to see one of the world's most famous entertainers in person at Ak-Sar-Ben ...

... and on July 17, the Bell System will present "A New Ball Game for Willie Mays." It's a profile of Willie Mays, baseball's living legend, in his first year of retirement from the game he loves. The program will be aired locally on the NBC-TV affiliate, KMTV, Channel 3 at 7 p.m.

Enjoy your vacation and, if you have an amusing or interesting adventure during your vacation, let us know ... Call Public Relations Ext. 4132

Joe Moss doesn't own a boat. He doesn't know how to swim, doesn't like to fish and never participates in water sports.

But Joe's standard vacation plans will keep him in constant contact with water.

A senior engineer in Department 233, Joe will follow in the "wake" of son Bryan as the 17-year-old continues his pursuit of top honors in various local, regional and national swim meets.

A recent graduate of Omaha's Northwest High School, Bryan began swimming while a sophomore for no other reason than to stay in shape. By the time he was a junior, he had begun to swim as a member of the Metropolitan Omaha Swim Team (MOST), his specialty being the 100-yard breast stroke. MOST is a participating Amateur Athletic Union (A.A.U.) team.

Bryan wound up his junior year taking third in the Nebraska State high school competition. Last summer he qualified for the A.A.U. National Junior Olympics in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and finished off his summer swimming by getting fourth in the nation. It was following the Michigan meet that Bryan was awarded the Midwestern A.A.U. Outstanding Athlete Award.

Bryan recently concluded his high school swimming career by taking first place in the state competition while setting a new state record and qualifying for All American status. He holds the distinction of being the first Northwest High School student to get first in state as well as to be named All American by the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association.

Meanwhile, as Bryan continues to make waves, Joe maintains an equally active pace.

"I'm currently serving as treasurer for the Metropolitan Omaha Swim Team Parents' Club," Joe relates. "In that capacity, I travel to all

meets in which the team is participating."

When Bryan and other individuals travel apart from the team to the same swim meets, Joe travels with them as a chaperone. He also guides the warm-ups and supervises the team members' participation in scheduled events.

So if on July 29, you plan on asking Joe how he spent his summer vacation, you'll hear him tell how he and other members of the Moss family watched Bryan in Minneapolis as he participated in the regional meet for consideration for the Olympic Games. He'll also tell you about the meets in Hastings and Grand Island, Nebraska.

And if you dare to suggest that things will probably quiet down now that Bryan is preparing to begin his freshman year at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Joe will just smile and begin telling you about the full scholarship in swimming that will be putting Bryan through school.



Joe greets Bryan following a practice session.

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Featuring Omaha Works Employees
and Members of their Families

June 21
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VACATION HINTS

The good thing about most advice is that it's free. And the next best thing is that, when given advice, you can usually take it or leave it.

Well, the following advice is something we hope you'll take — literally. It's good advice on how to have a safe vacation. And we hope you'll take this center section with you on your out-of-town excursions over the next two weeks.

And, for those of you whose patience or pockets will limit your vacation meanderings to back yard barbecues or a dip in the closest public pool, there's some handy hints for you, too.

- If you're planning on doing yard work, make sure all your lawn equipment is in good shape and safe to operate.
- Don't overdo heavy work. And be particularly careful about prolonged activities outdoors, especially on hot, sunny days.
- Don't crowd too many activities into your vacation schedule. You should maintain a pace corresponding with or slightly below your normal working pace.
- Take only a nominal amount of money with you on your trip. Convert a majority of your vacation money into travelers checks, preferably \$10 and \$20 denominations.
- Make your hotel or motel reservations ahead of time. And, before departure, find out if your planned travel route has any major detours or road construction.

Pre-departure check list

Car check list



- **Cooling system.** Add new coolant if necessary and check thermostat, pressure cap, radiator and hoses.
- **Spark plugs.** Check for cleaning or replacement; check points. Consider a complete tune-up if indicated.
- **Exhaust system.** Check mufflers and tailpipes. Replace if necessary.
- **Lubrication.** Start your trip with grease job and oil change (incl. filter).
- **Tires.** Check tread wear and inflation, also alignment and balance.
- **Brakes.** Get any of these corrected immediately: fluid leakage at master or wheel cylinder; too much play or sponginess in pedal; grabbing or pulling to one side; weak parking brake.
- **Mirrors.** Clean and adjust.
- **Wipers and washers.** Check mechanical condition, water, and blade condition.
- **Seat belts.** One for every passenger. Check fasteners, fabrics.
- **Emergency equipment.** Have these and make sure they work: flares, portable electric light or lantern, fire extinguisher (multi-purpose dry chemical is best), tow strap and chain, jack, spare tire and lug wrench.
- **First aid kit.** Include tape, cotton, tweezers, gauze, bandages, scissors, thermometer, insect repellent, lotion for poison ivy, extra

eyeglasses, copies of your prescriptions.

- **Turn signals and warning lights.** Check operation, clean off, buy spare bulbs.
- **Auto insurance policies.** Review your coverage; check expiration date.
- **Documents.** Carry driver's license, vehicle registration, hospitalization card, emergency medical identification (if you have a special health problem), auto insurance company I.D. card, phone numbers of friends and relatives (for visiting and in emergency).
- **Duplicate car keys.** Give to another family member to have available if you lose yours.
- **Theft protection.** Remove valuables, lock car. (Second best: lock valuables in trunk.) Avoid parking in alleys, dark streets, unlighted parking lots.
- **Trailer-pulling.** Check hitch, safety chains, brake and signal lights, tires. Make frequent checks while traveling.

Home check list



- **Tell police** or sheriff's department how long you'll be gone, where you can be reached in an emergency.
- **Inform the landlord** of your travel plans if you live in an apartment, or ask a neighbor to watch your property.
- **Buy a time switch** or photo electric device that turns on a light at night and off in the daytime to make thieves think your house is occupied.
- **If you have a burglar alarm** it should be in working order and

turned on.

- **Deliveries** should be handled according to the item. Stop milk and newspapers; ask the post office to re-direct your mail or have a neighbor collect it; temporarily suspend laundry and dry cleaning pickup and delivery.
- **Leave a house key,** a copy of your itinerary, numbers where you can be reached en route and your car license number with a friend or neighbor.
- **Cancel appointments,** meetings and social engagements.
- **Call the telephone company;** you may qualify for lower vacation rates.
- **Make important payments** in advance if you plan to be gone long, or have a bank or friend do it for you.
- **Lock doors and windows;** check locks and entrances for security.
- **Put your valuables** in a safety deposit box or other safe place away from your home.
- **Disconnect** electrical appliances and turn off gas jets.
- **Turn off water faucets.** Travelers who live in northern states and take long trips during winter should also consider turning off the main valves, draining the pipes and pouring anti-freeze in toilet bowls and sink traps.
- **Adjust thermostats** so heating or cooling systems don't have to work so hard while you're gone, yet so room temperatures can be restored to normal levels easily when you return. During the cooling season you might set the air conditioner about ten degrees higher; during the heating season you might set the furnace about ten degrees lower. For long trips you may wish to shut your systems off altogether.
- **Provide for pets** and house plants.
- **Fill prescriptions** you will need on the road. Try to carry more than you will need, but bring a copy of the prescription in case you need a refill.
- **Return library books** or renew them; some libraries have vacation loan plans.
- **Check your home insurance** to be sure it is both adequate and paid up.
- **Give duplicate house keys** to those you wish to enter your house while you're gone. If you have a key hidden outside (you shouldn't), take it with you.



THE FIRST: Kay Tomes Geisler has a face familiar to many long-time Omaha Works employees. She was the first of 16 women to wear the Miss Weoma crown. On a recent trip from her home in Minnesota, Kay stopped by to visit many of her Omaha Works friends. Now married and the mother of two, Kay is pictured above holding a copy of her 1958 publicity photo.



WINNING IDEA: Vern Wheeler, a toolmaker in Department 241, was the recent recipient of a \$210 suggestion award. Vern proposed that the base be lowered on the select bar welding fixture to increase electrode life. The idea was implemented in Department 137. Vern is pictured, above left, with his department chief, Charlie Muelhausen.

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