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FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, the Yost Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers presented a special award to Ruth Inbody at their 50th Annual Assembly. Ruth, who has spent long hours recording textbooks for blind students, retired from the Company on June 1. See pages three and four for story of the Pioneer Assembly.



Yost Chapter Fiftieth Annual Assembly

Omaha Works employees mark June service anniversaries

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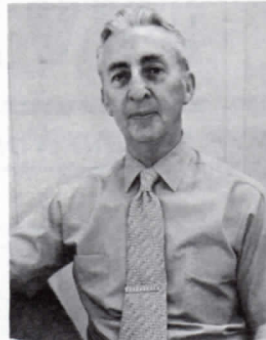
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40 years



Richard Reid
6-13-47
25 years



Curtis Morse
6-30-47
25 years

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John Travers



Ruth Inbody



Ward Taylor

three tell June retirements

Holding collectively, nearly one century of service to Western Electric, John Travers, Ruth Inbody, and Ward Taylor retired from active service on June 1.

John Travers began his 44 year career with Western Electric at the Hawthorne Works in Chicago as a Machine Operator in 1928. In 1958, he came to the Omaha Works as an Inspector, and on his retirement was an Inspector in Dept. 795.

The Lincoln Shops were the home of Ruth Inbody during

the first 14 years of her 28 years with the Company. At the time of her retirement, Ruth was an Investigator, Manufacturing Difficulties in Dept. 262. In 1958, Ruth was transferred to the Omaha Works.

Ward Taylor began his career at the Lincoln Shops as an Accounting Clerk in 1944. Ward was transferred to the Omaha Works in 1960, where, at the time of his retirement, he was a Procedural Review Specialist in Dept. 329.

The last working day for all three was April 25.

Yost Chapter Pioneers Hold Fiftieth Assembly



W. E. Executive Vice President, Joe T. West, speaks to Pioneers at the induction banquet.

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For three days, May 11-13, some 65 Telephone Pioneers, their wives and guests, from seven councils in two states (Nebraska and South Dakota) converged on the New Tower Inn in Omaha to hold the 50th Annual Assembly.

The first day of the "golden" assembly opened with a welcoming address by Jim Bosworth, Manager of Industrial and Labor Relations at the Omaha Works. Throughout the first day, a full schedule of workshops provided Yost' Chapters Pioneers a form in which to exchange ideas and projects and to acquaint each other with "how to do it methods."

Daytime sessions emphasized the areas in which Pioneers and their families are volunteering time in community service.

The Telephone Pioneers, a service oriented group of telephone employees with over 21 years of service to the industry, expend time and energy on such projects as: aiding the blind and partially sighted, providing transportation for special groups, raising funds for specially equipped buses for the handicapped, providing meals for shut ins and song books for the aged.

During evening hours, social activities flavored the assembly. Thursday night, the first night of the Assembly, was reserved for the traditional president's reception for Yost Chapter delegates. Max Kwater, Dept. 6354, President of the Yost Chapter during the current year, emceed the reception which was attended by Nebraska Governor James Exon, Frank Lefebvre, General Manager of the Omaha Works, and Marvin Oberg, Vice President of Operations for Northwestern Bell. For his service efforts through the Pioneer organization, Max Kwater was commissioned an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy by Governor Exon.

On the second evening of the Assembly over 500 Pioneers gathered to remember the five decades celebrated by the 50th Annual Assembly. Joseph T. West, Executive Vice President of Western Electric Company, gave the main address at the Induction Banquet on the final evening of the Assembly. Installation ceremonies conducted by the Regional Pioneer Vice President, Jim Parker, were attended by some 250 guests.

Arrangements for the Annual Assembly, hailed by many as one of the most successful, were made by Bob Morey, Dept. 144, and Bill McNabb, Dept. 511.

During the next year, the A. B. Goetze Council will be headed by A. F. (Bud) Franckboner, President, John Jacobson, Vice President, and Gerry Alfons, Secretary-Treasurer.

Around the Works



Help your ship come in
BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

You can help your ship come in.

It's simple; from June 5 through 16, the Omaha Works will hold its 1972 United States Savings Bond Drive and you can help yourself and your country by purchasing Savings Bonds.

During the two-week drive, bond solicitors will contact you personally to give you an opportunity to buy bonds for the first time or increase your present allotment.

At the close of the 1971 bond drive, the Omaha Works reported 60 per cent employee participation. According to Dale DeBoer, chairman of this year's bond drive, the goal will be to enroll at least 50 per cent of those employees who are not now participating.

Series E Savings Bonds pay a return of 5.5 percent when held to maturity, five years and 10 months. Although Series E bonds are issued in denominations of \$25, 50, 75, 100, 500 and 1000, employees participating in the payroll savings plan may have withheld from their pay any amount.

For 23 months it made one dozen round trips a day ferrying 125 daily employees between Buildings 20 and 613.

The yellow and black school bus had become a familiar sight at the Omaha Works as it slowly lumbered along the concrete roadways. Now it is no more. As personnel were shifted from Building 613 to work assignments in other areas, the need for the bus diminished. On May 1, the bus was sold and another era had passed.



Induction banquet proceedings were presided over by John Stancavage, Manager 700.



Governor J. J. Exon bestows a commission in the Nebraska Navy upon Max Kwater, Yost Chapter President.

Fiftieth Annual Yost Chapter Assembly

Photos by Fred Kujawa



Each day of the three-day Assembly was filled with business meetings (top right), social functions like the President's reception for chapter delegates (center right) and displays of Council projects (bottom right).



Over 400 Pioneers (left) gathered on "Fun Night" for an evening filled with golden memories.



**LYNN
LANDGREN**
just
call
him
"Mister
Mayor"

The way things will look ten years from now depends on what we will do about them.

At this minute, 15,000 ideas for fighting air pollution are awaiting patent approval. Thousands of other ideas on hundreds of other subjects are awaiting application. Ideas from doctors, from engineers, from businessmen, from housewives, from secretaries, and from a wide variety of white and blue collar workers. But ideas are just ideas until they are applied by men like Lynn Landgren, an Omaha Works community builder.

It's 7:45 any Wednesday morning, and Lynn Landgren, Assistant Buyer for the Omaha Works, sits behind his desk in Dept. 663-1. By his manner, one would never guess the tensions that played upon him the night before, when, as mayor, he chaired a meeting of the Papillion City Council.

For eight years now, residents of Papillion, the Sarpy County seat, have greeted him as "Mayor." In the last election, Lynn ran unopposed for that city's top office.

Before his election to the mayors office, Lynn served for four years on the city council, and before that on the Papillion Planning Commission. To date his credits include the presidency of the Officials for the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Council, and membership on Omaha Mayor Leahy's Manpower Commission.

During his years of community involvement, Lynn has found that public service has its satisfying moments. "There is no question," he said, speaking of his time as Mayor, "that the most enjoyable moment was when Papillion became a first class city and was able to get an eight man city council instead of a four man council."

Lynn, a 13-year resident of Papillion, looks to the future of his city with the progressive thinking that city will need in years to come.

The Omaha Works is proud of its employees like Lynn Landgren, Mayor, who help build communities, while engaged fulltime in meeting the communications needs of the future.

Witulski - one of 1275

employee's son wins Merit Scholarship

When the University of Nebraska' classrooms open this fall, Steven Witlusk will be a member of the freshman class. For his achievements in scholarship competition, he was awarded a four-year Western Electric National Merit Scholarship.

Steven, a 1972 graduate of Gretna High School and son of Bernard Witulski, a Machinist in Dept. 796, was presented the Merit Scholarship certificate by General Manager Frank Lefebvre at a May 17 luncheon.

Steven, whose counselors regard as "outstanding, honest, very active and very dependable", plans to enter the University of Nebraska majoring in Actuarial Sciences. Steve, a three-sport high school athlete, holds an activities and accomplishments record that includes presidency of his high school class, local president of the National Honor Society, recipient of the Gretna High School Commercial Award, secretary of the student council, member of the Spanish Club, Letterman's Club and the Journalism Club.

Steve works fulltime in the summer and part time during the school year at the OSACS Science Center in Gretna.

He was among 1275 other high school seniors awarded four-year

scholarships from the 657,000 students who entered the 1972 competition. The amount of each scholarship varies with each individual depending on estimated college expenses and the amount the winner and his family are able to pay.

Corporations and corporate

foundations provide most of the four-year Merit Scholarships and in many cases, as in Steven's offer their awards to children of employees.

In Merit competition last year, Becky Mallory, daughter of Rex Mallory, Dept. 273, achieved finalist status and a scholarship grant.



Steven Witulski, winner of a four year Western Electric Scholarship, was presented the certificate for that scholarship by Frank Lefebvre, General Manager of the Omaha Works, on May 17. Steven, son of Bernard Witulski, Dept. 796, was chosen from more than 650,000 other students competing for 1275 Merit Scholarships.



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