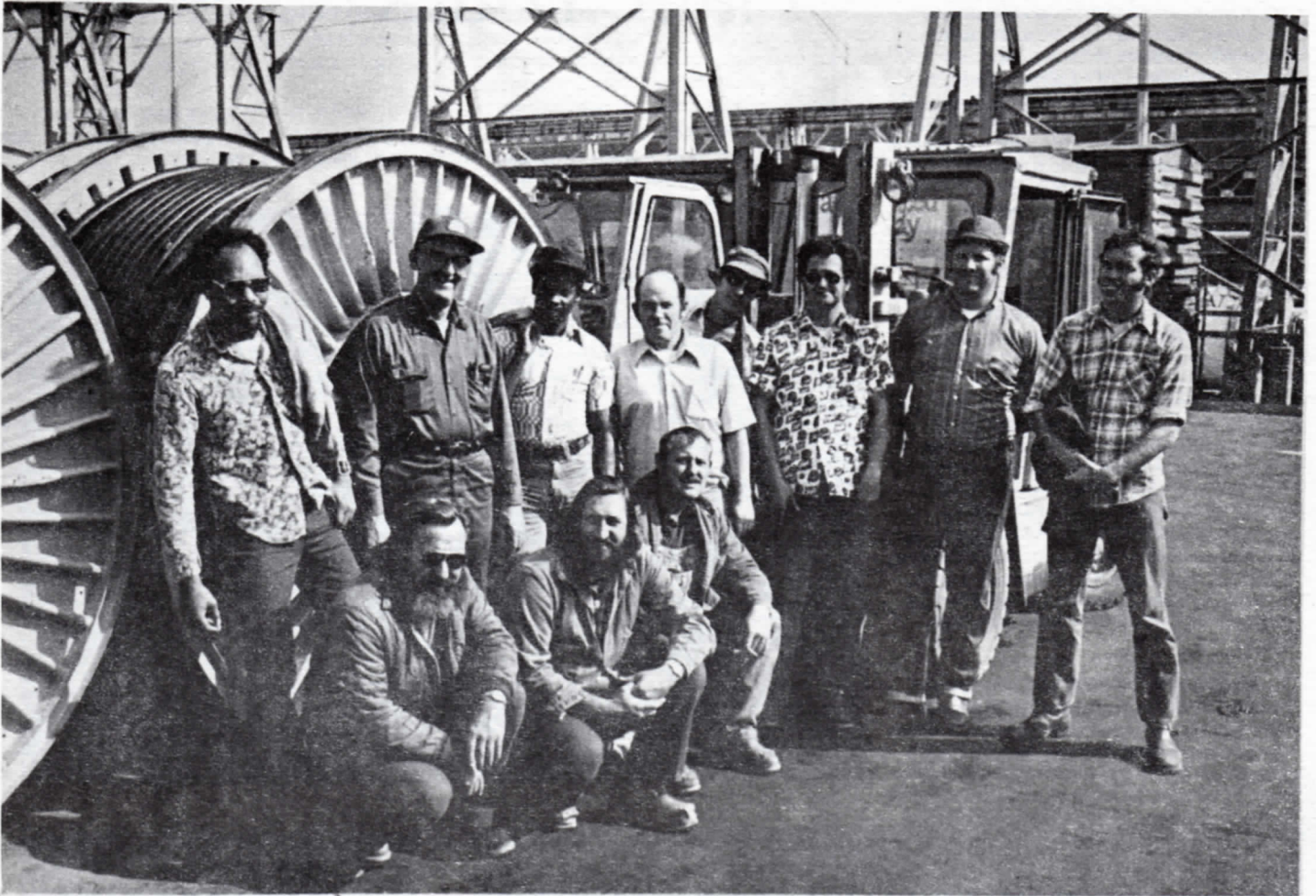


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OMAHA WORKS

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Now That's A Reel-y Good Job!

No doubt about it. The Omaha Works employees pictured in the above photo recently completed a major one-day job.

The combined efforts of the group resulted in the largest amount of cable ever loaded in one working day.

And when you're talking about 1,133,000 pounds of cable, you're talk-

ing about a genuine accomplishment.

Pictured in the front row from left are Jim Spudich, John Heinzman and Bob Vanderman. In the back row from left are Mel Strawn, Orv Schroeder, Charles Taylor, Cliff Heman, Stacey Robertson, Tom Rudd, Daryl Brabec and Tim Aken.

As on any big job, there are support

personnel involved. Assisting in this particular instance were Frank Hoepfer, Gene Pearson, Jim Jensen, Gary Brummett, Dick Kubie, Bill Lepley, Elmer Starks and Jim Tolston.

Congratulations to all who were involved in this record-breaking job!

For Your Information

... you don't have to be a Bell System employee to know that telephone service in the United States is the best in the world. Currently, there are 657 telephones per 1000 inhabitants in the United States, compared with 594 in Sweden, 350 in Great Britain, 217 in France and 200 in Greece. The average installation time after a customer's request is less than a week in the U.S. It takes two years in Norway, 18 months to five years in France and a month in Greece. The average telephone rate is \$10 a month in this country while in Greece and Italy, it costs \$140 to have a phone installed. In Japan, a \$500 bond must be purchased in addition to a \$167 installment fee. In France, it costs \$182 for installation, \$8.50 a month and 9¢ a call. In Guatemala, a new phone costs \$1000 . . .

... the Omaha Works in-Plant U.S. Savings Bond Drive will be conducted June 6-17. The annual campaign will offer all Omaha Works employees the opportunity to begin buying bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan or to increase the number of bonds they are currently purchasing. Please remember that if you plan to purchase bonds for a child, that child must have his or her own Social Security number. More information on the drive will be distributed as the campaign nears . . .

... according to *FORESIGHT*, the official publication of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, National Safety Council statistics indicate that spring housecleaning is a dangerous time for many homeowners who don't realize the hazards of using gasoline as a cleaning agent. Statistics show that over 25,000 people undergo emergency room treatment every year for injuries involving flammable liquids. Half of these injuries, mostly burns, are directly attributable to improper use of gasoline. If you're in the midst of spring cleaning, please use common sense and the safest possible cleaning solvents . . .

... if you have a problem and don't know where to call, the all new Midlands Information and Referral Agency can help you. Their trained specialists are familiar with the many service agencies in Douglas, Sarpy, Pottawattamie counties and surrounding areas. They are equipped to answer your questions or refer you — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — to the agency best suited to meet your needs. You can call them at 444-6666. The Midlands Information and Referral Agency is a joint effort of the United Way of the Midlands, the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce and the Health Planning Council of the Midlands . . .

Psst! Want To See Some New Products?

Employees, Spouses Offered Exclusive Plant Tours

Ever sit at your work location and watch a group of curious spectators pass by accompanied by an Omaha Works employee/tour guide?

Ever thought to yourself, "Gee, I'd sure like to take a tour of this place and see what else goes on outside my department."

Well, a lot of other people have been thinking the same thoughts and as a result, the Omaha Works will soon institute a tour program designed exclusively for employees and their spouses.

Beginning May 25, tours will be offered every Wednesday either **before** or **after** an employee's regular

work hours according to the following schedule:

1st shift	3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
	4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
2nd shift	1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
3rd shift	8:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

In order for a spouse to participate, the employee must also sign up for the tour. Before the program can be implemented, the tour coordinator must first determine the interest level among employees. Please fill out the information sheet printed below and return it to Public Relations no later than May 16. You will be notified when your tour has been scheduled.

Name _____

Dept _____ Your normal work hours _____

Date Preferred _____

(Must be a regular working
Wednesday)

I have a spouse who will will not accompany me.

Return To Public Relations
No Later Than May 16

Spring Frolic

Over 300 Omaha Works employees, relatives and friends gathered at the Peony Park Ballroom the evening of April 29 for cocktails, dinner, a fashion show and entertainment. Pictured are a few of the highlights from the party. Fashions were courtesy of Landon's and Plaza Suite, entertainment courtesy of Millard High School and Disco Jockey Don Davis and photography courtesy of retired Omaha Works employee Fred Kujawa. Heading this year's party committee were Carolyn Hodges and Marlene Sedlacek.





Larry Griff, Department 437, is a layout operator in the plating room.

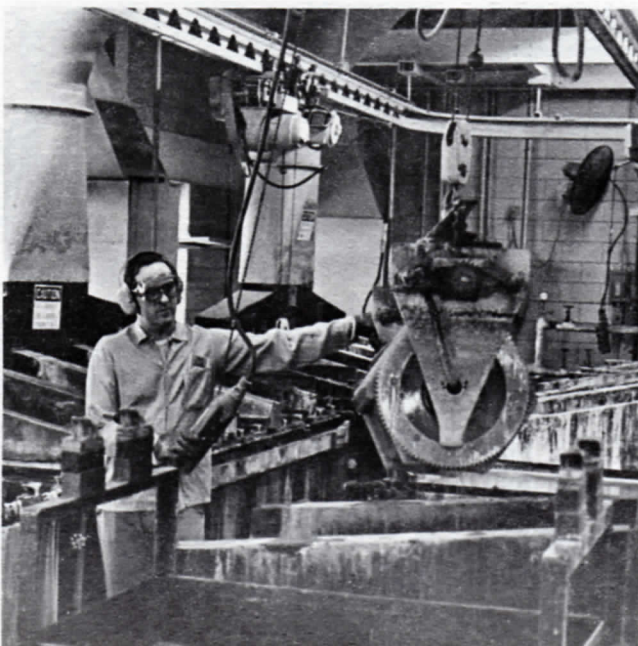


Who Was That Masked Man?

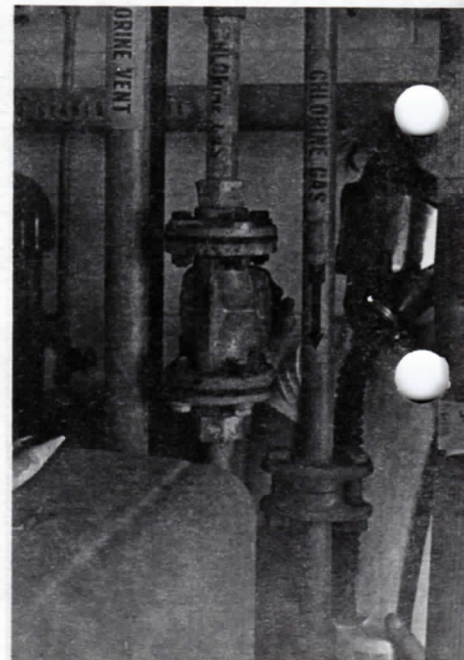
Actually, there's nothing at all suspicious about the way the men on these two pages are dressed.

There's a good reason for the bizarre types of face protection. It's called safety.

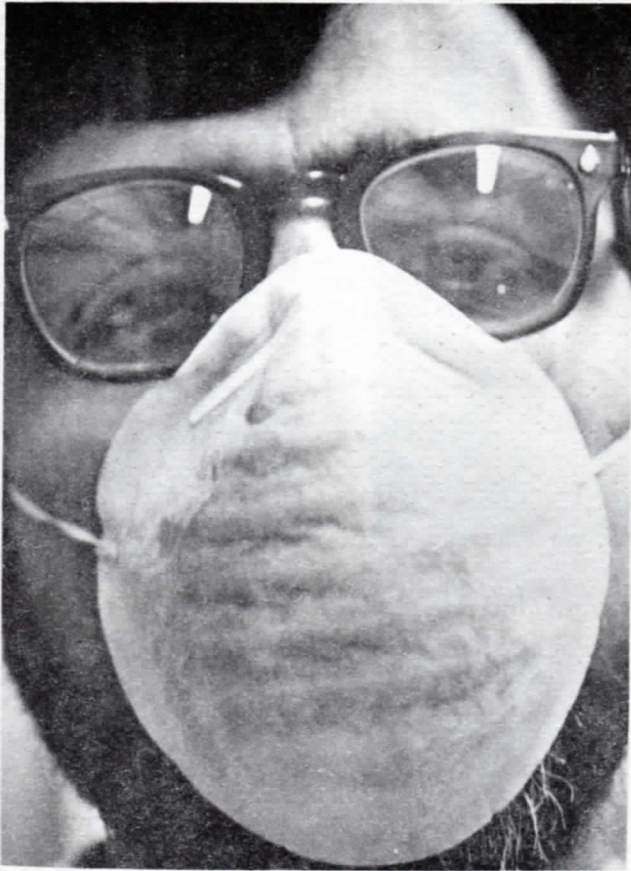
And although you may think the men behind the masks look a little strange, from their point of view, they wouldn't have it any other way.



Jim McEvo is a plant construction manager in the treatment plant.



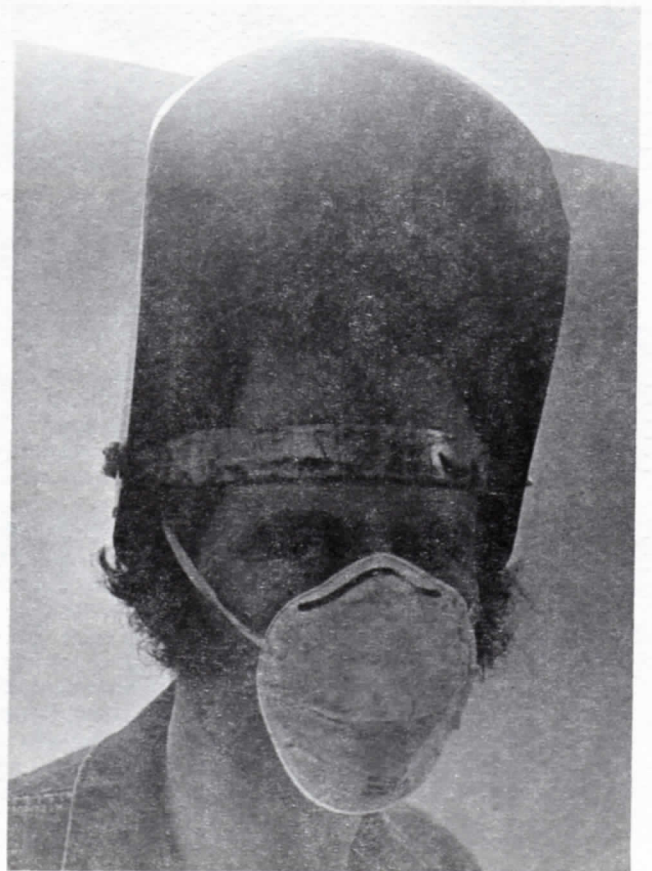
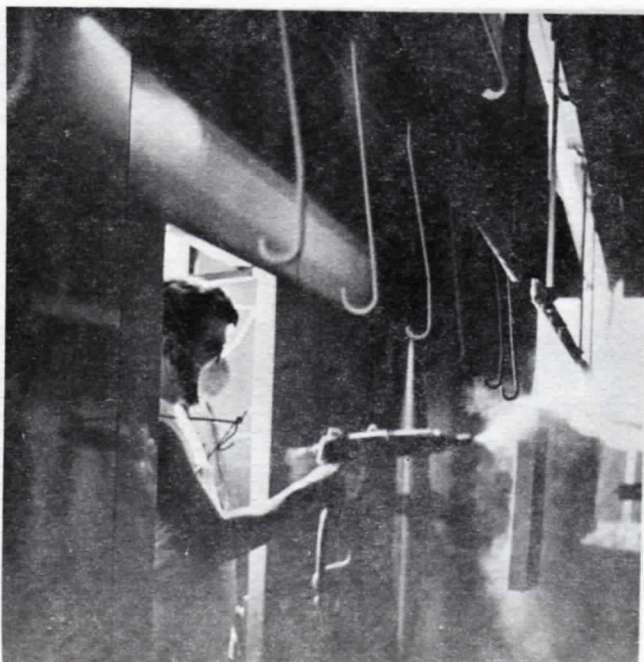
Department 745,
Maintenance and con-
struction in the waste
plant.



John Barnes, Department 437,
is a powder finishing sprayer for
the FDI cabinets and the 115-
type apparatus boxes.



John Bowen, Department 253,
is a welder (cable reel repair)
in the Cable Plant.





AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS: Some of Carole Will's fellow workers in Department 724 decided to make her April 15th birthday a little special. The group put their heads together and came up with a cake designed like an income tax return. This particular 1040 form was a lot more palatable than most. Carole is pictured holding her cake which was courtesy of Pat Siderewicz, left, Melva Nicholson, Shirley Murphy, Jan Beccard and Alice James.



Pictured in the extreme background are Alan Klein, left, Frank Tague, Connie Debord, Norm Graff, Eldon Smith and Lyle Husk. The seven women in the center of the group are Arnelle Moss (standing in aisle), Nadeen Kingry, Sharon Swingholm, Ruth Engler, Betty Gantt, Jo Roberts and Jane Haj. Completing the group are G. Moss, Ray Krystof and Jerry Lynch.

Teamwork Gets The Job Done

The teamwork of the individuals pictured above resulted in the mid-April shipment of Omaha's initial production of braided wire.

Another of the products relocated from Buffalo, braided wire is utilized, as produced, in central offices. It can also be adapted to specific types of cable manufacture.

Omaha's initial production and shipment of the wire was exceptionally well-handled through the cooperative efforts of Omaha Works and Buffalo Plant personnel. Assisting in Omaha's initial production of the product were Buffalo Plant employees Jo Roberts, Jane Haj, G. Moss and Arnelle Moss. Jo and Jane

will be returning to Buffalo while the Mosses will become Omaha Works employees.

In addition to the four trainers mentioned above, the successful shipment was a consolidated effort of Department 762 employees Connie Debord, Ruth Engler, Betty Gantt, Lyle Husk, Nadeen Kingry, section chief Ray Krystof, Eldon Smith, Sharon Swingholm and Frank Tague; planning engineers Alan Klein, Department 751, and Jerry Lynch, Department 731; and mechanic Norm Groff, Department 745.

Braided wire is the first of a variety of specialty cable and wire products that will be manufactured in Department 762.



BIG WINNER: Dick Sudyka, Department 741, recently cashed in on two suggestions on the same day. The first presentation was in the office of Works Director Charlie Higginson who gave Dick a check for \$1440. Dick's next visit was to his Department Chief Charlie Muehlhausen who handed over a \$255 check. Both awards stemmed from proposals involving tool modifications on the miniature wire spring relay job. Dick is pictured receiving congratulations from Charlie Higginson.

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Product Display Center

Take A Look At What We're Doing

How many times have you passed that room and wondered exactly what it was?

A couple of times you've stopped outside the doors to take a longer look. Not too long when the room is filled with visitors as it often is.

It's the Omaha Works Product Display Center located across the aisle from the Works Auditorium, just at the entrance to Building 30.

The room was established in late 1975 with a very definite purpose in mind — to provide a consolidated area in which

potential customers could view, test and talk about Omaha's Loop Transmission Apparatus products.

In recent months, the room has come to include cable displays and a number of the relocated Buffalo products. The invitation to visit has been extended to all Works organizations, many of whom have since participated in the new product orientation conducted by Department Chief Tom Bowman.

By far, the largest contingent of Product Display Center visitors have come from Bell System Operating Companies

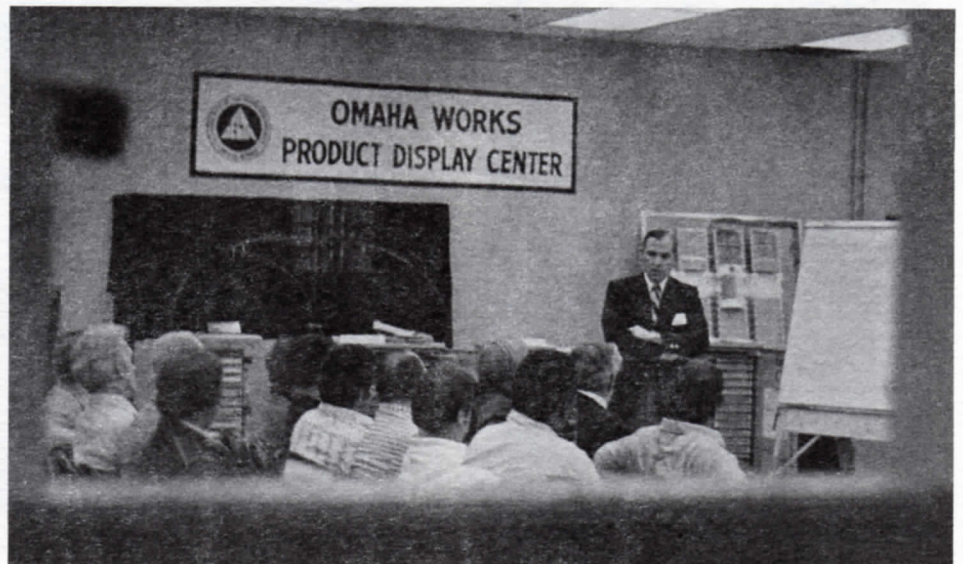
including Northwestern Bell.

By displaying and discussing product features, quality, service/availability and price via the Product Display Center, it is hoped that those directly involved in product purchase decision making will have as broad-based a view of Omaha's products as they have of the outside manufacturers'.

If you haven't visited the Product Display Center and would like to have the chance to do so, tell your supervisor who can in turn contact Tom Bowman, Department 401.



Tom Bowman makes Product Display Center presentations to a wide variety of groups. He's pictured at left with members of the Merchandise Organization. Below left, he discusses the qualities of an FDI cabinet with A. D. "Pete" Hatch, left, assistant facilities supervisor, Supplies and Outside Plant, Northwestern Bell/Nebraska Area, and R. C. "Dick" Coglianesse, Western Electric account representative. Below right, the workings of the display center were recently explained to IBEW Local 1974 officers.



Detectors Available To Employees

Where there's smoke, there's usually fire.

But even before these visible signs of combustion appear, a fire can be deadly.

The decomposition which occurs in the very early stages of the fire may produce harmful particles which could lead to death as a result of smoke inhalation or toxic fumes.

In recent months, there has been a sudden gain in the popularity of smoke detectors for use in homes, particularly since the price of these units has become affordable for the average homeowner. Local building codes and government-backed loans now require the installation of at least one of these units in houses under construction.

During the second week in May, the Omaha Works Safety Organization will offer two types of "Guardion" smoke detectors to employees. Both the battery model (\$28 plus tax) and the house current model (\$26 plus tax) can be purchased via the Payroll Deduction Plan.

The "Guardion" is one of many Underwriters Laboratory-approved smoke and fire detectors currently on the market. The in-Plant sale does not constitute a Company endorsement of the product or its performance but is merely being offered as a convenience to employees.

Order blanks for the detectors are being made available to all employees through their supervisors, May 9-15. Delivery is scheduled approximately six to eight weeks later.



Safety coordinator Rudy Rudolfo displays one of the smoke detectors which will be available to employees.



Dona Hillman presents a "one plus one" certificate to Manuel Alvarado who recruited two new blood donors in 1976.

"One Plus One" Adds Up Big

As far as Dona Hillman is concerned, one plus one equals a lot more than two.

As chairman of the in-Plant Bloodmobile visits, Dona's arithmetic is 100% correct because when she talks "one plus one," she's talking about a special Red Cross blood donor recruitment program which was instituted during the 1976 Bloodmobile visits to the Omaha Works.

"One plus one" is a campaign to encourage employees who sign up for the in-Plant drives to bring along a fellow employee who is either a first-time donor or a previous donor who hasn't given in at least five years.

During the three 1976 Bloodmobile

visits, "one plus one" netted 20 additional blood donors, all of them first-time participants.

These additional donations were accomplished through the recruiting efforts of 18 Works employees who were recognized at a special coffee held on April 20. The 18 recruiters are Manuel Alvarado, Gary Babel, Sally Behrendt, Thomas Bernemann, Janis Carpenter, Terry Comstock, Patsy Hamit, Virginia Holmquist, Dorothy Johnson, Alvertus Jones, Betty Rasmussen, Gerald Rue, Nikki Rzonca, Roger Sprick, Dennis Stenzel, Darlene Veylupek, Mary Viles and Deldine Young.



Bell System Sponsors Special

Pictured in the adjacent photo are Hal Holbrook, left, Glynnis O'Connor and Robby Benson, who are among the stars of "Our Town," a Bell System television special which will be aired on Monday, May 30, at 8 p.m. on local NBC affiliate KMTV, Channel 3.

This is the first television production in more than 18 years of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play. The program is the final Bell System presentation for the current television season.