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OMAHA WORKS NOVEMBER 22, 1974

Air Award Goes To Works

The Omaha Works was among eight industrial firms from the Omaha area to receive **Clean Air Awards** during special ceremonies in Omaha Mayor Edward Zorinsky's office.

The awards were sponsored by the Air Pollution Control Association and the American Lung Association in conjunction with **Cleaner Air Week**, October 20-26. This is the third year Omaha has participated in the observance and the first year the **Clean Air Awards** have been presented locally.

In acknowledging the firms that received the awards, Mayor Zorinsky noted that the awards went to companies "we feel are worthy of recognition concerning their cooperation in making Omaha a clean air city."

Jim Bosworth, Manager, Industrial and Labor Relations and Environmental Services, represented the Omaha Works at the presentation ceremonies.



Jim Bosworth, back to camera, accepts award from the Mayor. Representatives of the sponsoring organizations are in the background.



Father Leaves Invaluable Legacy

As sad as it is to lose someone you love, there's sometimes something special in the circumstances surrounding the loss of that person.

For Orene Moore and her brother Leroy Landrum, both employed in Department 431, something special surrounded the death of their father last June.

Leon Landrum lost his life because he cared enough to get involved. While on a fishing expedition with a group of neighborhood children, Mr. Landrum saw one of the youngsters fall into the water. He jumped in to save the child but drowned instead. The child was pulled to safety by another person.

The Omaha Safety Council recently presented a "Service to Mankind Award" posthumously to Mr. Landrum. The award gives visible support to what Orene, Leroy and the remainder of the Landrum family and their friends already know.

Leon Landrum may have died on June 23, 1974, but, because of a

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 6
7-9 p.m.

December 7
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

*Gifts, Refreshments,
Entertainment and Santa Claus*

Please enter
through the main lobby

superbly unselfish effort on his part, he'll never really be gone. He performed an act that will keep him as real and alive as he was on that warm summer day when he went fishing.



Leroy and Orene display their father's Safety Council award.

For Your Information ...

... if your paycheck isn't being sent directly to your bank, you may be missing out on a much better deal than you imagined. Many Omaha area banks are now offering free banking services to employees taking advantage of the direct deposit plan. The Financial Section has complete information on the banks offering these special services. And even if you prefer to utilize the services of your present bank, you should still investigate the merits of direct paycheck deposit at your bank ...

... a reminder to salaried employees participating in the Bell System Savings Plan. November is the month in which eligible participants may elect the Periodic Partial Distribution. Forms requesting this partial distribution are available from the Payroll Organization. These forms must be completed and returned to Payroll no later than November 27. If mailed, the forms should be postmarked no later than November 30 ...

... November 28 and 29 will be observed as Thanksgiving holidays at the Omaha Works. If you plan on traveling out of town for the holiday, please drive carefully ...

... 39 cable engineers from the 270 Sub-branch traveled on a chartered bus to Kansas City, October 30, to attend the 44th Annual Wire Association Convention. The group spent the day at the convention viewing working displays of cable and wire drawing equipment ...

... employees wishing to take advantage of the open enrollment period for group life insurance must do so by November 27. Enrollment will be possible, during this period only, without providing evidence of insurability. Complete information is available through the Benefits Organization.

From Fremont To Finland: Thousands Of Miles And Memories

Last summer as Cecelia Hurley made the 35 mile trip from her home in Fremont, Nebraska, to her job in Department 134 at the Omaha Works, her thoughts were most likely thousands of miles away — in Finland, to be exact.

On June 24, 17-year-old Denise, the oldest of Cecelia's three children, embarked on a two-month American Field Service-sponsored trip to Finland.

Selected from a field of 17 applicants in Fremont, Denise was assigned a country by the AFS offices in New York. As a foreign exchange student, she became a temporary member of the Torsti Hyvonen family in Tapiola, Finland. In addition to her Finnish parents, Denise's adopted family included a 16-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old son.

On this, her first trip outside of the United States, Denise was intrigued by the beauty of the Finnish landscape. The city of Tapiola boasts

varying styles of architecture and is known as the Garden City although much of the town is dotted with towering fir and pine trees rather than with flowers.

Since one of the purposes of the exchange program is to afford the visitor the opportunity to meet different people in different cultures and to try for international under-

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Denise and Cecelia admire a Finnish souvenir.



Mrs. Abbott converses with seminar participants.

Councilwoman Addresses Seminar

Omaha City Councilwoman Betty Abbott was the keynote speaker at a dinner preceding the 11th Annual Industrial Waste Treatment Seminar, hosted by the Omaha Works.

Mrs. Abbott spoke to a group of 22 people including representatives from the Omaha Works, IBM, May-

tag, Western Electric's Teletype Corporation and WE Headquarters.

The two-day seminar, conducted October 29-30, included discussions on the topics of water pollution control, air pollution control, solid wastes control, OSHA and energy conservation.

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Ideas Worth Money For Many Employees

Had any good ideas lately?

Well, the Employees Suggestion Committee would like to read about them — on the official suggestion form.

More and more employees have been sharing their ideas through the Employees Suggestion System and, in many instances, have earned some money in the process. Eligible employees can earn from \$25 to \$10,000 for their ideas. The awards are based on 15% of the material and labor savings in the first 12 months the idea is implemented. In instances where savings can't be computed in dollars and cents, the idea is evaluated on a point basis with a corresponding monetary award.

Among recent suggestion award recipients are Jerry Danahy, analyst — reclaimed materials, and Carl Jones, a sorter, both in Department 242. The two men just collected a supplemental suggestion award of \$630. Their original award totaled \$500, the supplemental award being added following additional investigation of the idea's worth.

Jerry and Carl proposed that empty asphalt drums from the Cable Plant be used to ship non-ferrous metal scrap.

Carl Greunke, a production control clerk in Department 133, recently won a \$510 suggestion award. Carl proposed that a directive be sent to all interworks locations requesting them to return the empty corrugated fiberboard box and cover used to ship terminal strips from Department 135. The

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1. Earl McLean, Manager, 200 Organization, left, Jerry Danahy and Carl Jones. 2. Ed Wigg, Assistant Manager, 330 Sub-Branch, left, and Dick Eastman. 3. Lyle Rockhold. 4. Carl Greunke, left, and John Stancavage, Manager, 100 Organization.

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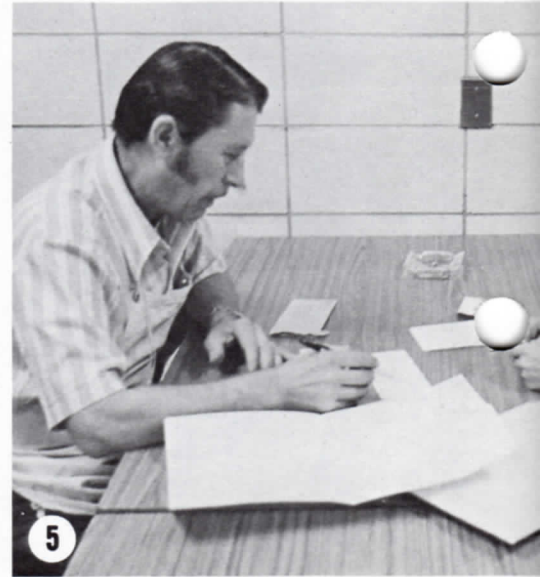
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United Appeal Campaign with \$237,547



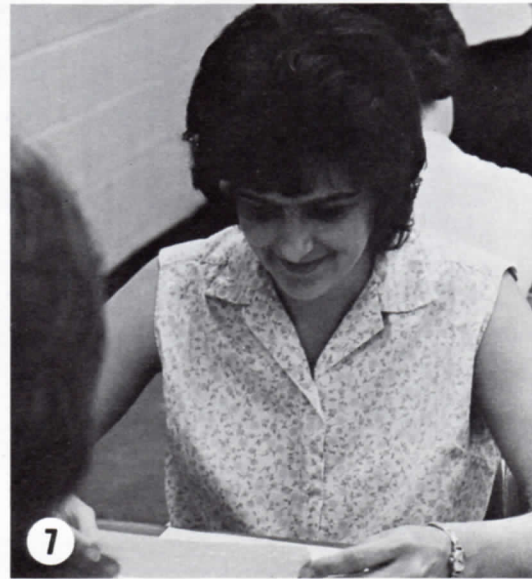
1. Employee representatives presented a "big" check to UCS General Campaign Manager Jack Osborne, fourth from right, and Omaha Central Labor Union President Sam Short, fifth from right.

2. The first section to complete its in-Plant Campaign was 141-9. Bob Berry, left, and Stan Petrusis, right, were solicitors for the section headed by Bob Morris center.

3. Gladys Hamaker, Department 141, was one of nine employees who helped promote the campaign on posters.

4. The in-Plant UCS office was staffed by a number of hard workers including Betty Iddings, left, Bettie Dannevik, Kathy Fink, Tanis Pinkerton and Elmer Johnson.

5, 6, 7. The people who really made the campaign a success were those who took the time to talk, discuss, and read about the merits of the drive either as section solicitors or campaign pledgers.



Miss Weoma Coronation

Saturday, October 12 — Holiday Inn, 72nd & Grover

Miss Weoma XVII
Sharon Redlinger

Attendants
Sylvia Bishop
Judy Hill



Sylvia Bishop



Judy Hill



Sharon Redlinger

17th Annual Weoma Club Picnic

Sunday, September 22 Peony Park



Employees Suggestion System

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boxes were being scrapped at the other locations.

Dick Eastman, an accounting analyst in Department 333, collected \$275 for a recent suggestion. While employed as an investigator in Department 132, Dick proposed that instead of building a special tool for use in adjusting the small switch vertical units, a modification be made in an existing tool.

But what about those ideas that net the suggestor \$25, \$30 or \$40? Are they worth the time it takes to fill out the suggestion form? Lyle Rockhold, an electronics technician in Department 245, thinks they are.

Lyle started participating in the Employees Suggestion System in 1964. Since that time he has filled out the official suggestion form 37 times and has made money on his ideas 20 times. The maximum Lyle has netted from any of his ideas is \$65. Still worthwhile? According to Lyle, it is.

While admitting that it's always nice to make a little money from an idea, he explained, "In many instances the suggestion has made my job a little easier. Basically, most of my ideas have dealt with safety or how to make a process simpler."

Lyle also noted that he doesn't go out of his way to look for ideas.

"Almost every suggestion I've submitted was as a result of my working on a process and seeing a way to make it easier or safer."

For those employees who have never participated in the suggestion program, the official forms should be used and can be obtained from the Employees Suggestion System racks throughout the Plant. Please be sure to fill out the entire form, including your department number, job title and telephone extension.

Whether or not your idea is implemented, you will receive a written reply.



THANKSGIVING TREAT: Blanche Hofmann, 400 Organization, left, and Virginia Chrastil, Department 144, were among several Pioneer volunteers who helped make the Thanksgiving turkeys shown in the above photo. Forty turkeys were given to a local nursing home. Prior to making Thanksgiving gifts, the Pioneer volunteers made 40 Halloween pumpkins for children at the J. P. Lord School.

Fremont To Finland

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standing, Denise was asked to speak at some of the schools in Tapiola.

Denise related, "One of the questions the boys asked was, 'Is it true that in America the boys pay for the girls when they go out on dates?'"

Dutch treat is the custom in Finland, according to Denise. She did stress that many of the questions asked were of a more serious nature.

"I was questioned about the use of drugs by young Americans," she said.

Although Denise is now back home in Fremont enrolled in her senior year at Fremont High School, Finland and the Hyvonen family are still a very important part of her life.

Cecelia explained, "Now Denise is giving talks and showing the slides she took during the summer."

In a couple of summers, the Hyvonen's daughter, Katy, will visit the Hurleys in Fremont.

For the time being, Denise occasionally sorts through the numerous souvenirs she brought back from her visit and continues to correspond with the Hyvonens.

It was a very special opportunity and a very special time and Cecelia simply says, "I'm very proud she did it."

Cancer Sessions Offered For All Female Employees

In light of the growing concern regarding breast cancer, the Omaha Works, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, has scheduled 15-minute informational sessions on the disease for December 3.

The sessions, open to FEMALE EMPLOYEES ONLY, will be conducted by a physician and other representatives of the American Cancer Society. These representatives will be showing the women, through films and lectures, how they can perform the cancer self-examination in the privacy of their homes.

The sessions are being scheduled so that female employees can attend them either prior to or following their work hours.

In order to effectively schedule the programs, it is imperative that the Medical Department have an accurate indication of the interest among female employees. For this reason, all interested female employees are asked to complete the coupon below

and return it either to the departmental secretary or directly to the Medical Department. Coupons must be returned by November 27.

It is hoped that all women will realize the importance of attending one of these sessions. In the United States alone, approximately 90,000 new cases of breast cancer will be reported by the end of this year, 700 of those cases in Nebraska. And by the end of the year, 33,000 women in the United States will have died of breast cancer due to non-detection or failure to recognize a problem early.

One out of every 15 women will develop breast cancer during her lifetime. But, if a woman can detect the disease and have it treated early, she has an 85% chance for survival.

All female employees are urged to complete and return the coupon today. A notification regarding the exact times of the sessions will be distributed as soon as possible.

Return To Medical Department

My shift hours are _____ to _____.

I will _____ will not _____ be attending one of the sessions on breast cancer.

It is not necessary to include your name.