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OMAHA WORKS

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This is a picture of a man and a woman who happen to be kissing while seated in their fork lift trucks out on the receiving dock in Building 30. Do they deserve a reprimand? Heck, no! They deserve a medal. See pages 4-5.



# For Your Information

... thanks to all of you who took the time to donate blood during the recent Bloodmobile visit to the Omaha Works. The September 8-9 visit was the third and final for the year and netted 412 donations. That brings this year's total to 1,255 pints of blood. Thanks again, to all who participated as volunteer donors and workers. See you at next year's Bloodmobile ...

... save yourself some money and insure your safety at the same time. We're talking about safety shoes. Did you know they're tax deductible? A good investment any way you look at it ...

... the Pioneers have some party plans you may want to take part in. On November 11, there will be a Pioneer Dinner Dance at the German American Club. The buffet dinner and live band is available to Pioneer members for \$4.75 per person. Tentative plans are under way for a Pioneer evening at the Westroads Dinner Theatre on December 17. That will include a cocktail hour, pre-show entertainment, dinner, a live Broadway production and dancing to a live orchestra. Tickets for that event will be \$10.50 per person. Contact a Pioneer representative if you wish to purchase a ticket to the November 11 dinner dance or to express interest in the evening at the dinner theatre. Both events are on a first come, first served basis ...



Jess  
Ault

## Moves Made

Effective October 1, 1977, Jess Ault Manager, Engineering and Manufacturing — Cord and Wire, Baltimore Works, will become Manager, Engineering and Manufacturing — Cable Shops, Omaha Works.

Ray Laux, Manager, Engineering and Manufacturing — Cable, SQC Engineering and Inspection, will become Omaha Works Comptroller.

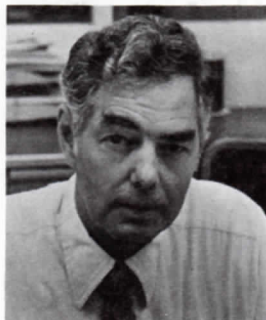


\$\$\$\$\$\$: Department 741 employees Dick Glaseman and John Winchester recently collected sizable checks for ideas they submitted to the Employees Suggestion System. Dick proposed that a stock guide be installed on the bobbin insertion tools in Department 437 in order to prevent sheared tools. His proposal earned him \$340. John's suggestion also involved a tool modification in Department 437. He proposed that forming blocks on punch and dies used to manufacture small switch bearing plates be modified to improve the quality of finished parts and to reduce machine down time. John collected \$475 for his idea. John, left, and Dick are pictured receiving their checks from Department Chief Charlie Muehlhausen.



**WHEN IT RAINS, WE RESPOND:** Although hurricanes are unfamiliar to the Midwest, these violent storms can sometimes cause repercussions as far as Omaha. Such was the case when Hurricane Anita struck the southwestern United States in late August. In anticipation of the damage the storm could possibly cause to the telephone system, emergency equipment orders were placed. One of these orders — for 10 FDI cabinets — came into the Omaha Works Production Control Organization at about 5 p.m. on August 31. The next day, the order was shipped to Katy, Texas. Pictured above are some of the employees whose fast work insured prompt shipment of the order. Pictured from left are Adeline Novacek, Dave Clements, Deb Donovan, Tom Kennedy, Lorraine Gardner, Lupe Zabala, Joyce Smith, Verna Thacker, Mary Perez and Fred Holz.

# SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES



Charley Koukol  
35 Years 10/5/42



Joe Smith  
30 Years 10/14/47



Dick Cummings  
30 Years 10/25/47



Virgil Janecek  
25 Years 10/20/52



Earl McLean  
25 Years 10/20/52



Frank Waniska  
25 Years 10/23/52



Dick Hinkle  
25 Years 10/27/52



Dick Ciecko  
25 Years 10/28/52

## 20 Years

H. M. Atchison Jr.  
G. D. Callahan  
R. L. Carlson  
R. A. Cate  
J. A. Davis  
R. W. Glaseman  
M. E. Halverson

M. R. Hewett  
M. Jergovic  
K. W. Melies  
A. W. Mumm  
T. J. Piccolo  
C. D. Rohman  
M. E. Scheibhofer  
M. A. Smith  
K. E. Stahlecker  
D. A. Vojtech  
V. E. Wheeler  
W. A. Wolff

## 15 Years

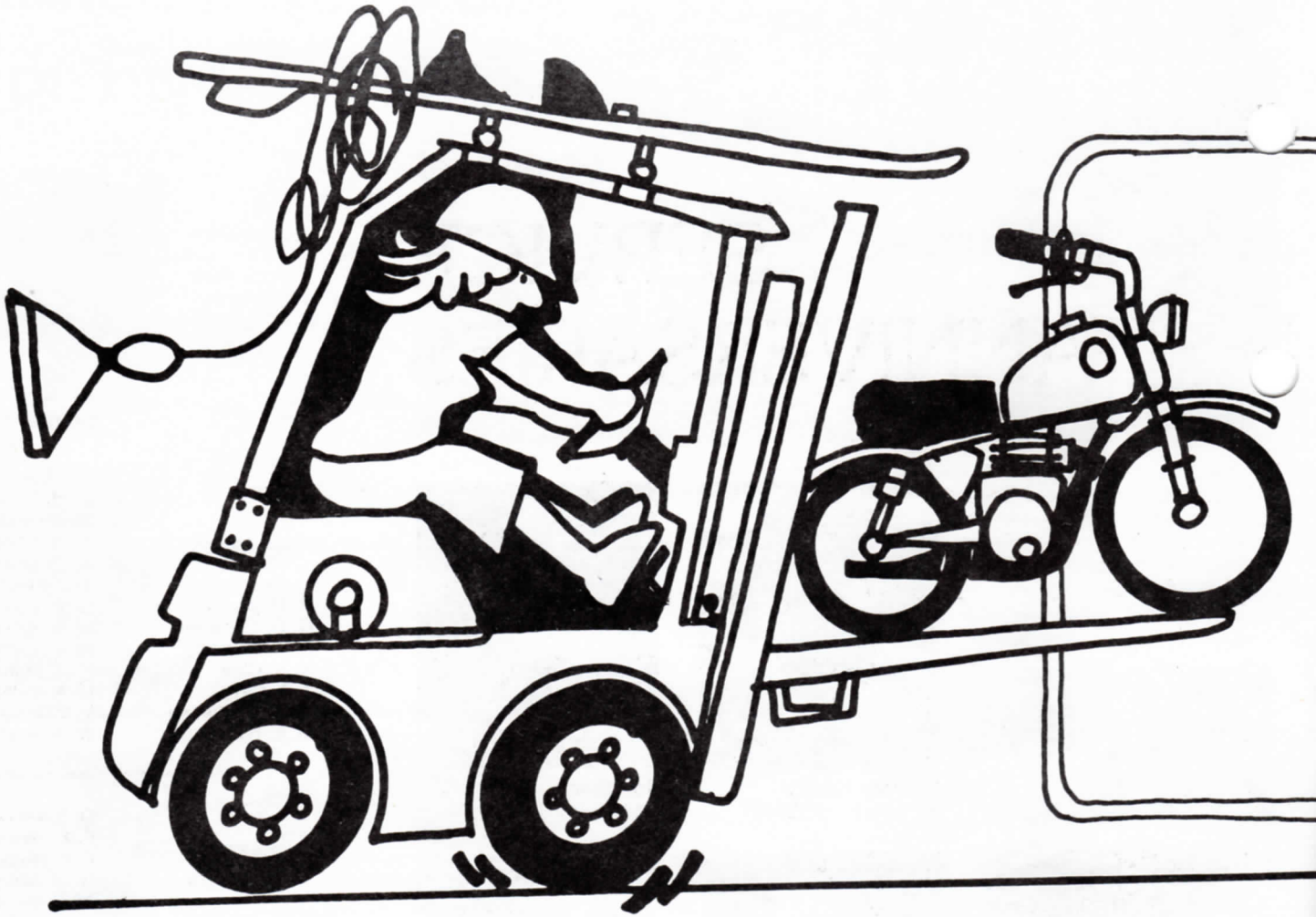
D. W. Angleton  
B. K. Boll  
R. B. Brown  
A. L. Faketty  
J. P. Flott  
B. S. Gerber  
D. L. Golda

D. S. Haase  
E. F. Hester  
E. F. Hopkins  
R. L. Jansen  
M. G. Kmiecik  
S. W. Kuhr  
J. E. Loukota  
M. McBride  
R. A. Proctor  
R. R. Rockwell  
J. L. Siefer  
J. L. Wessling

## 10 Years

J. A. Anthony  
C. E. Brice  
L. L. Brittell  
M. S. Craft  
C. J. Debord  
I. B. Dixon  
J. E. Dostal  
D. A. Engel  
R. J. Faust  
J. N. Frank  
E. C. Goodman  
J. R. Hall

F. D. Herink  
A. G. Hicks  
J. E. Hiser  
S. G. Labs  
N. Mickles  
K. M. Palu  
W. C. Phillips  
W. F. Roberts  
N. M. Rzonca  
L. P. Schlautman  
H. J. Sharp  
E. D. Stock  
M. L. Swillie  
D. V. Szwertwis  
S. L. Thompson  
S. C. Union Jr.  
M. A. Welch  
L. V. Williams  
F. C. Woodrum  
B. D. Wortman  
S. A. Wright



# Meet Marge & Jerry Daugherty

There's no doubt about it. Marge and Jerry Daugherty are two very special individuals. One very special couple.

Take their jobs, for instance. Both drive fork lift trucks on second shift in Department 745.

Certainly, the job isn't unusual. But the fact that a husband and wife both drive trucks for the same company, on the same shift, in the same department is unusual.

A seven-year employee, Marge became a truck driver a few months ago. Jerry has been driving a truck since joining the Company, also seven years

ago.

The togetherness the couple shares isn't unusual. It has been a carefully-nurtured habit throughout their 23-year marriage.

"Being together is our goal," they agree. "We're just happy doing anything."

For these two, "doing anything" amounts to quite a bit. There's camping, water skiing, bowling, golf and motorcycling.

Marge and Jerry have raised three children during their marriage, and while the family was growing up, the two would work separate shifts in order to

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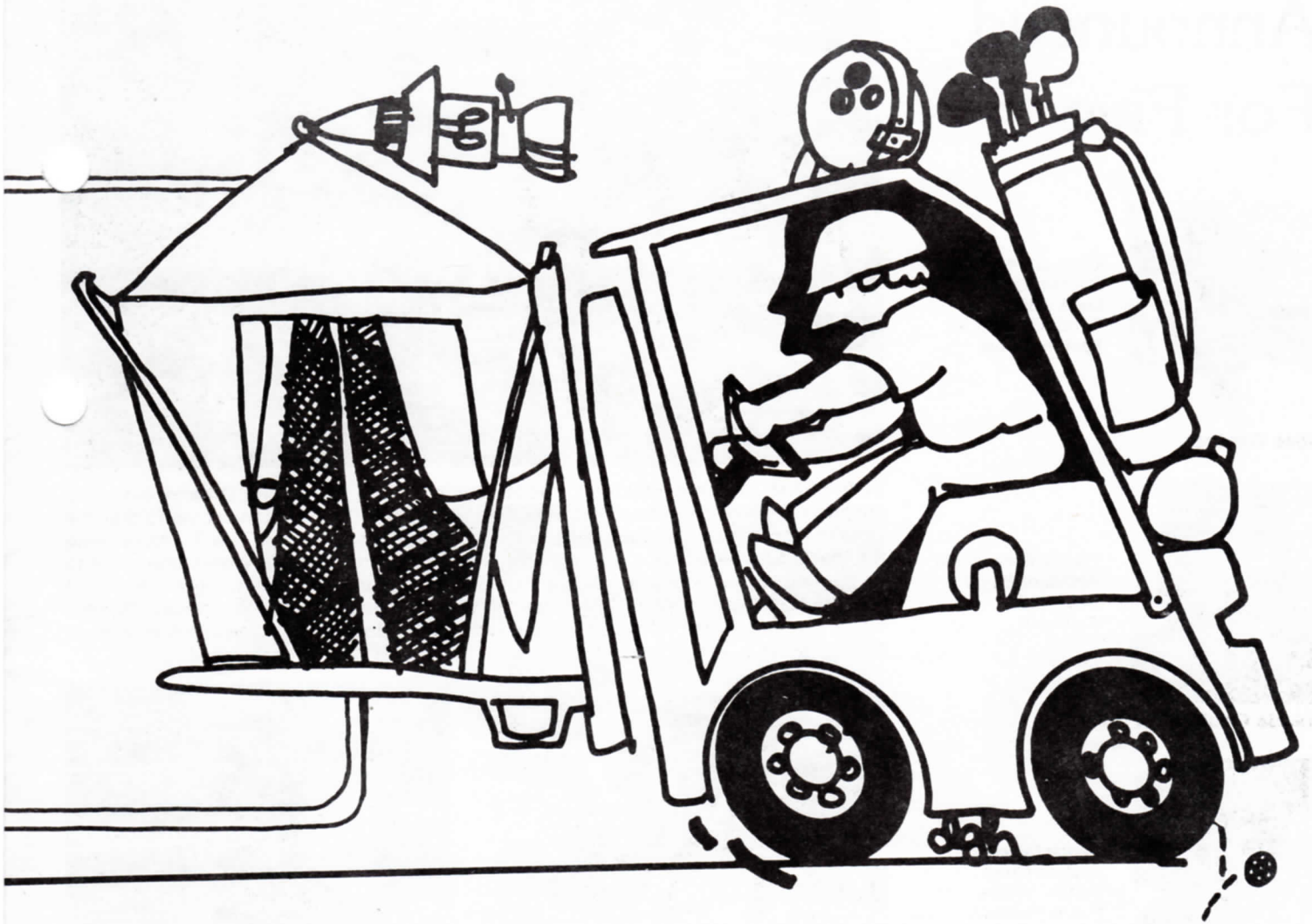
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 very married couple could do this," Marge  
 mits. "We even go together to get the gro-  
 s not grocery trips, motorcycle rides or  
 gs that necessarily keep a marriage to-  
 attitudes. And as far as Marge and Jerry  
 are concerned, they've got the right idea.



# Promotions Announced For Five



**Giles Gardner**

Giles Gardner  
Section Chief  
Dept. 438  
Terminal Strip &  
Factory Cable



**Wanda Gouldsmith**

Wanda Gouldsmith  
Assistant Buyer  
Dept. 1153  
Purchasing



**Nancy Lynch**

Nancy Lynch  
Section Chief  
Denver Works  
Public Relations



**Willie Mason**

Willie Mason  
Section Chief  
Dept. 287  
Wire Spooling &  
Coiling



**John Voss**

John Voss  
Section Chief  
Dept. 438  
Laminated, Non-X  
Stamp & Strap,  
Storeroom & Non-  
Stock Terminal  
Strip Packing



**TOP TEAM:** Western Electric's "Reds" came out on top in the Omaha Industrial League's slow-pitch softball tournament. This is the third time in six years that the Omaha Works team has captured the title. This year's competition saw 34 teams vying for the Industrial League trophy. The "Reds" took the Omaha Works title prior to competing in the Industrial League tournament. Pictured from left to right in the front row are Ken Mass (captain) Mike Huerta, Walt Neneman, Marvin Seaton and George Gage. Standing from left to right are Darrell Seaton, Bob Gloden, Dean Anderson, Sam Martin, Steve Mahr, Jim Grovijohn, Don Leitner and Dan Lubash.



**V.P. VISITS:** Cable and Wire Division Vice President Art Foster paid a one-day visit to the Omaha Works on September 14. Included in the vice president's agenda were several presentations as well as a tour of the shop. Pictured above discussing the operation of the newly-installed central plater are Omaha Works General Manager Frank Lefebvre, left, Manager Ray Laux, Section Chief Bob Peterson, Art Foster and Senior Engineer Larry McKenna.



**THAT'S TOGETHERNESS:** Omaha Works employees Bill and Joyce Franzen have something in common other than their marriage and their employer. On separate days, in separate golf tournaments each managed to score a "hole-in-one," a first for both. Bill's super shot occurred on the 7th hole of the Men's Medal Play Tournament at Sunset Valley Country Club. Joyce scored her "hole-in-one" on the 8th hole during Western Electric's Annual Women's Golf Outing at Fremont's Valley View Country Club. Bill's only comment was, "I don't believe it!" while Joyce modestly explained, "I had a good coach!"



**SAVINGS UPDATE:** When it comes to tabulating the status of the Omaha Works 1977 Cost Reduction Program, results coordinator Tom Vierk has a tendency to get somewhat carried away. Tom has every right to indicate such enthusiasm since the program has collected \$5,681,000 through August with a year-end goal of \$7,700,000. Major cases contributing to the attainment of this year's goal include installation of mechanized facilities in the Station Cord Shop (470 Organization), the implementation of combined shipments of materials from Buildings 30 and 50 (730 and 2250 Organizations), and the manufacture of DEPIC cable which reduces waterproof cable costs through reduced diameter of the insulated conductor (270 Organization).



Pictured from left are Speakers Bureau members Don Lanspa, John Schanbacher, Bill McCormick, Ralph Beisner, Jim McCallum and Ed Wigg. Not available for photo were Tom Bowman, Bob Drewniak and Dick McGaughey.

## Speakers Bureau Sets Record

The Omaha Works Speakers Bureau is alive and well and talking on a variety of subjects.

Current available talks range from "The Telephone Story," a 100-year review of telephone history in the United States to "The Longest Bridge," a discussion of the problems encountered and overcome in laying thousands of

miles of communications cable.

The Speakers Bureau is not only interested in giving talks but in gaining increased membership. If you're interested in participating in the program, contact Loretta Asche, Public Relations, Ext. 4224.

Schools, clubs and professional or  
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**NEW PIONEERS:** The largest group of Omaha Works employees ever to be inducted into the local Pioneer Council were hosted at a special in-Plant reception on August 25. The 445 new members became eligible for Pioneer membership as a result of a change in policy effective July 1, 1977, opening the Pioneer ranks to employees with 18 years of Company service. In his capacity as Immediate Past President of the Telephone Pioneers of America, AT&T Executive Vice President Thomas Nurnberger, pictured at right, was keynote speaker at the reception. Also pictured are local Pioneer President Ed Gembica, left, Works General Manager Frank Lefebvre and Pioneer Regional Vice President Jerry Laughlin.

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## Reel Yard Attendance Is Great

Neither rain nor hail nor sleet nor snow nor wind nor blistering heat nor freezing cold seem to have any adverse effect on the attendance records in the reel yard.

For people who are constantly exposed to the ever-changing outside elements, the men in the reel yard are a class in themselves.

In mid-August, the group of 33 employees was cited for 100% participation in the Attendance Control Plan's No Punch Program. Seventeen of the 33 have attained perfect attendance ranging from one to seven years for a cumulative total of 32 years.

How hard is it to obtain or maintain a perfect attendance record? Not as hard as it must be to work with the rain smacking you in the face, the sun cooking you to a crisp or the cold numbing you to an ice cube.

And there will always be one of those "indoor" workers who passes a window in the Plant, observes one of our all-too-rare days when the weather is perfect and says with a groan, "Boy, those guys in the reel yard sure have it made."

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*Above photo: Seated from left are Jim Jensen, Rick Rhoades, Harry Kozisek, Cliff Heman, Gary Cook and Charlie Taylor. Standing from left are Mel Strawn and Erik Snutch.*

*Below photo: Pictured from left in the first row are Pat Leary and Bob Vandeman. Pictured in the second row from left are Tom Rudd, Bob Soppe, Dick Kubie, Larry Schlautman and Verdel Temple. Pictured in the third row from left are Gary Newman, Jim Tolston, Daryl Brabel, Frank Hoepfer and Vince Seaman. Pictured in the back row from left are Joe Modie, Tim Aken, Stacey Robertson, Al Wilson, Jim Spudich, John Heinzman, Don Cockrill, Lyle Nicholson, Orv Schroeder, Gene Pearson and Al Buehler. Not pictured are Gary Brummett, Bill Lepley, Ray Lowe and Elmer Starks.*



## Speakers Bureau

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ganizations generally comprise the Speakers Bureau audiences. If you're a member of such a club or organization, or have a relative or friend who is, why not look into the possibility of scheduling a Speakers Bureau talk for an upcoming meeting.

How popular is the Omaha Works Speakers Bureau? Popular enough that in the 2nd Quarter of this year (April, May and June), Omaha's speakers gave enough talks to put Omaha in first place in both the Cable and Wire and Manufacturing Divisions as well as take second place Company-wide. For that same time period, Omaha's speakers accumulated an audience big enough to place our Speakers Bureau in the #1 spot for the Cable and Wire Division, #5 in the Manufacturing Division and #9 Company-wide.

## RETIREMENTS



Virginia Chrastil  
31 Years



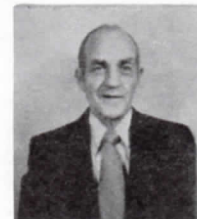
Virgil Pace  
28 Years



Margaret Canter  
21 Years



Paul Ryan  
20 Years



Paul Smith  
20 Years



Rose Trenolone  
20 Years