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## On the cover

Most wood brick floors in the cable shop soon will be history as they are removed and concrete is poured in their place. This is how it looked in the former cable core testing area a few weeks ago. The area is being converted to handle braiding operations, which will include equipment to manufacture specialized coaxial cable. Many other changes are occurring in the cable shop as new production operations are introduced. For more pictures see Page 6.

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# Readers respond with ideas, updates

**W**hat a welcome change! Ever since the invitation went out to active employees to send in suggestions for possible Westerner stories and to retired employees to update us on what's been happening in their lives, my daily mail has been far more enjoyable to read. The response is better than I had expected — especially from retired employees.

The story suggestions from employees all are being kept on file. Although not every idea will result in an article, watch future Westerner issues for those that do. (One story is on Page 4.) And please be patient. Sometimes timing requires that ideas be held awhile — it doesn't necessarily mean they won't be used or aren't appreciated. In some instances they've even prompted other story ideas.

The invitation to send in story ideas in exchange for a gift continues. Pick up forms at building exits, the WEOMA Club or in the public relations office. (If you're a retired employee, jot down your idea and send it to me, too.)

As for retired employees who responded to an informal survey about their whereabouts and lifestyles, a sampling of their replies follows. They're far too interesting to keep to myself.

### New lines of work

Retiree **Orval Galbreath**, a former drill press operator, wrote that he bought a small saw sharpening shop and now sharpens saws and garden tools. **William Bartak** operates his own welding shop, and former senior planning engineer **Lee Baldauf** enjoys working part time in a garden store in Rochester, N.Y.

**Mary Welshinger**, who retired as a merchandise editor almost four years ago, wrote that she does volunteer work for the Oblate Fathers. **Leona Riter** lends a helping hand to her visually impaired neighbors and

come winter, she'll spend some time with her daughter in California.

Former senior engineer **Jim Goodbarn** sells real estate in Show Low, Ariz., when he's not fishing or golfing, while **Dr. Donald Perkin** built himself a house near two 18-hole golf courses in Rio Verde, Ariz.

A year after **Harold Carritt** retired in October 1979, he and his wife, Mary, bought a fifth-wheel RV and traveled the countryside up until August of last year. Now he manages a seven-building apartment complex in Blair, Neb.

### City life, country life

If you stop by the New Tower Inn's Bird Cage Lounge on a Saturday night, look carefully at the group of singers clustered about the piano bar. You'll see 80-year-old **Harold Wheelock** belting out the numbers.

Wheelock's been a busy man since his 1969 retirement. He's been building windmills, drilling wells, and he planted 2500 evergreens — 40 of which he sold to the Omaha Works for our landscaping. Every year in January and February he goes prospecting for gold in Arizona with a friend. He exercises daily, "eats to live," and wrote, "May the good Lord bless you all as I have been blessed."

Easy access to the main branch of the public library is one thing **Paul Ryan** likes about his cosmopolitan living style in Downtown Omaha. Country living, meanwhile, is the choice of **Thelma Eichthaler** who lives in a mobile home on a 40-acre tract in Long Prairie, Minn. She and her husband raise their own beef, pork and chickens and she makes their own ice cream, butter and soon, cheese. "It's like going back to doing things like our ancestors," she wrote.

**Ralph Taylor**, a retired supervisor since 1974, sent something extra with his survey



comments: a poem he wrote about walking for health purposes. Retiree **Alice James** sent a clipping from a 1969 issue of the *Westerner*, featuring her in a story about how she wired a completing marker frame without a single error — a first at the Works. The former layout operator in 710 connector manufacturing said she doesn't miss the work — just the people.

**May Ann Fishler** has become a jet-setter. Using discounts available to relatives of airline employees, she logged 7,000 miles of air travel during May. And speaking of air travel, **Bill Timm** — who retired in 1971 — wrote about the hair-raising trip he took by small plane through the rugged mountains of Australia and New Zealand.

Just as hair-raising — but certainly not as much fun — was a mishap experienced by **Wilma Buck** about a year ago. Now a part-time worker in a bar-cafe in Memphis, Neb., she suffered badly cut toes in a lawn mower accident. However, she said, "Good thing that morning I had on my old Western Electric shoes."

We heard from **Tom Crow** who still has his dance combo — the Tom Crow Quartet — and from **Ward Taylor**, a 1972 retiree who thoroughly enjoys the late 19th century architecture in his new home environment in Sonoma, Calif.

Former secretary **Ella Olson** still thinks about us after 20 years in retirement, and so does **Naomi Roberts**. She's a transplanted Kansas City Works retiree (since 1967) living in Lincoln who enjoys participating in many Cornhusker Chapter Pioneer activities.

#### A little politics

**Helen Bowers** is learning to deal with City Hall as she works to get a senior citizens center started in Lincoln. **Bill Ruge**, meanwhile, is busing tables at the Gretna Senior Citizens Center, when he's not busy pursuing a new "hobby" he's taken up: buying items at the Cornhusker Pioneer Porch sales.

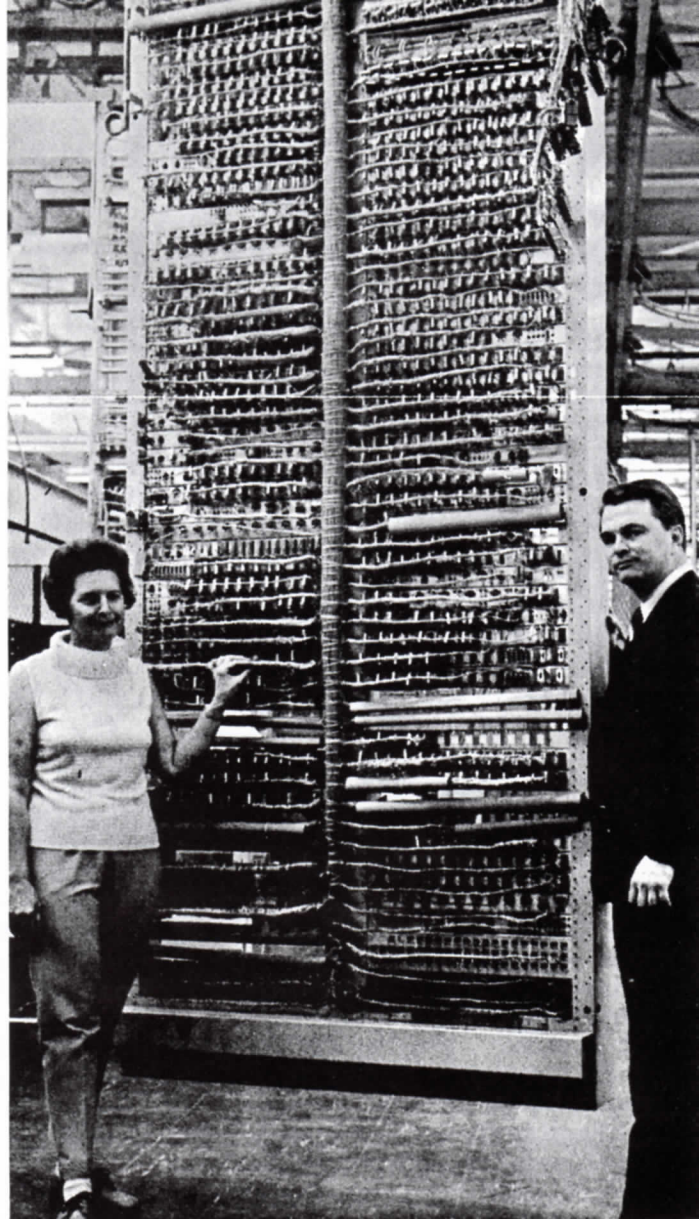
He joked that he probably

*PERFECTION . . . Retiree Alice James sent in an article clipped from a May 1969 *Westerner*, featuring how she wired a completing marker frame without a single error. This photo of her and manager Dick Schaefer accompanied the article.*

should hold a garage sale to make room for more purchases. If he does, retired electrician **Francis Beringer** will probably show up. In addition to restoring antique gas engines and collecting '57 Chevys (he has four), he spends hours combing through garage sales and holding sales of his own.

1978 retiree **Alta Boldan** of Springfield, Neb., wrote that she's a collector, too. She collects figurines, plates, bells, music boxes and grandchildren (17 for now).

**Dominic Sacca** stays busy as a volunteer firefighter and rescue squad crew member for Greenwood, Neb., and also serves as a town trustee. **Fred Ellerbusch** has moved to a farm in Decatur, Neb. He teaches Sunday School at the Reformed Church of the Omaha Indians in Macy, Neb., and does evangelistic work four times a year in remote



sections of Mexico.

Former plant inspector **Bud Hughes** is taking writing courses and has had some of his works published, including in the *World-Herald*. He makes his own greeting cards and started the Western Douglas County Writers Group. He's active in the "Gray Coats" — a group of retired Works employees who meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Village Inn (108th and L streets). Hughes invites other retired employees to join them.

And so the mailbag goes. Space won't permit sharing the many others received, but as more responses come in, maybe at a later date we can feature a few more in *Westerner* issues.

My thanks to everyone who has responded. And remember, ideas and comments from active and retired employees are always welcome. — **Linda Ryan**



# Who is Jerry Golmanavich?

**A**nd why are they saying all those things about him?

To use a cliché (which Jerry doesn't like to do), he's a guy who likes to live life to the fullest. And in so doing, he's anything but a cliché-type of guy.

Does a cliché-type of guy politely warn you to be careful in the parking lot because he's going to drive his car home backwards? (Kiddingly, of course, but it makes sense, Jerry insists, because he had to drive that way all winter to get anywhere and habits are hard to break.)

Or would he and his wife take off for a convention of roller coaster enthusiasts in Colorado just a couple of days before movers come to transfer their belongings from Baltimore to Omaha?

So far, Jerry's caught the attention of two employees who submitted his name as a possible candidate for a Westerner feature story. One mentioned Jerry's unusual hobby collections and another mentioned his winning a zoo photo contest. Could there be a story in Jerry Golmanavich?

## Many faucets

Putting that question to Jerry himself, he thought about his seemingly endless list of activities and said a story might be difficult to write because he's "turned on so many faucets.

"I do find myself doing a lot of things people might be embarrassed to do or maybe they don't think they're capable of doing."

He ends up doing things a little differently from the norm and with a little more color, he admitted. He tries to be aware of what's going on in his environment at all times.

"I get enthused very easily, and I enjoy a lot of things" that perhaps too many people have

taken for granted or chosen to ignore. His enthusiasm, he thinks — like an infectious laugh — works as a catalyst on those around him.

"I don't do anything different from what anyone else could do," he said. But maybe people get caught up in his enthusiastic approach to things, and in the process consider him to be an interesting person.

The bounds of Jerry's enthusiasm seem to have no limits — just look at his hobbies. He doesn't have two or three or even five or six — more like a couple of dozen.

Ranked at the top of the list is "enjoying Omaha," he said. A transplanted Baltimore Works engineer (he's now in injection molding engineering in Dept. 472), he and his wife, Betty, are discovering what the city has to offer. He likes "the zoo, the great restaurants, friendly people . . . and I never enjoyed supermarket shopping until here," he said, because usually there aren't long lines.

He's impressed with easy access to parks and recreation areas in Omaha, too. Jerry said he's noticed some Omahans don't take much pride in their city, but "I never want to leave here."

## A quip or two

Another of Jerry's hobbies is joke and story telling, and he credits his old friend Scooter Humphrey in Baltimore with being a strong influence. Jerry avidly reads joke books and has an almost photographic memory of what he reads.

He usually manages to sprinkle his conversations with a joke or two, because he strongly believes a sense of humor is a valuable ingredient in daily living. "So much of life is so farcical and non-sensical — maybe people take life a little too seriously,"

Jerry said. He's careful to introduce humor into the appropriate situation, but on the occasions when he might make a mistake, "never be afraid to apologize," he said.

Music holds a prominent place among Jerry's hobbies, too.

He's developing his version of the one-man band: In his home you'll find one piano, two organs, one guitar, two harmonicas and two zithers — all of which he can play or is learning. He's written a number of songs — ballads, rhythm and blues — and hopes to publish them someday.

## Their song

He wrote one song for his wife when they were dating — "It's like our theme song." On the couple's 10th anniversary, Jerry wanted to take his wife to a fancy restaurant and have the piano player surprise her by playing the song as they dined. Trouble is, Jerry can create melodies and words for songs, but he doesn't know how to depict the notes so musicians can read them. After several unsuccessful attempts to write down the notes — resulting in disharmony and frustration — a co-worker assisted Jerry to complete the sheet music.

Jerry also enjoys writing plays (one is a humorous look at creation), bowling, tennis, golf, fishing, gardening, traveling, and learning new skills — such as calligraphy. That's just for starters.

He's also a photography fan and recently won first place in the "seen at the zoo" category of the Henry Doorly Zoo's photo contest. His color photograph of a monkey will appear in the 1985 calendar the zoo will have printed. Sometimes you might see Jerry and Betty out scavenging with their metal detectors (one of those activities some folks find embarrassing).

Or you might see them at the German-American Society kicking up their heels to polka music. Jerry's the one with the pin proclaiming, "Lithuanian body, polka feet." When he literally wants to be taken off his feet, Jerry rides the nearest roller coaster, being a card-carrying member of the



American Coaster Enthusiasts. He's attended three of the group's conventions across the country, seeking the thrills Jerry describes as "controlled excitement."

Then there are Jerry's fabulous collections. He collects unusual watches (ever see one that changes colors as time passes?), puppets and marionettes, items featuring Woodstock of the Peanuts cartoon, music boxes and records (including the soundtrack from "The Day of the Dolphin" and band organ — merry-go-round — music).

Sharing shelf space with Betty's collection of figurines and decanters are Jerry's mechanical bank reproductions — two or three dozen of them.

And recently, Jerry's leisure time has taken yet another direction. He's joined the Big Brothers-Big Sisters of the Midlands. Jerry spends three or four hours a week with his "little brother," 10-year-old Brian.

### No time to mope

But wait a minute: Is Jerry Golmanavich always on the go — doesn't he ever goof off or feel a little bit low? "Of course I do," said Jerry, "depending on what you mean by goofing off." And he has his stresses too. The difference is he refuses to become encumbered by them — there are too many things he wants to do other than sit and be glum.

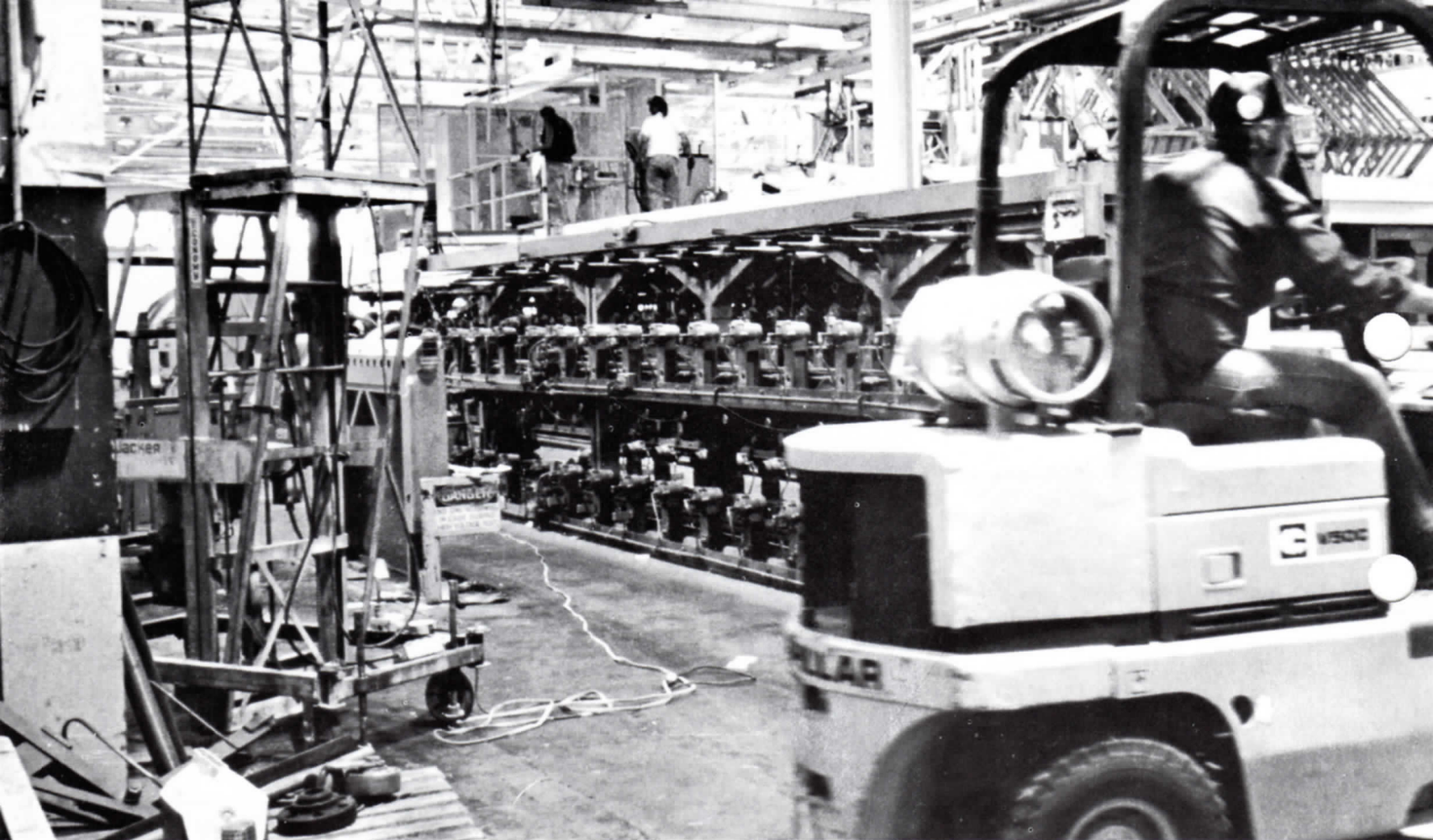
So what new horizons lie ahead — maybe a try at hang gliding or sky diving?

Jerry had that are-you-crazy look on his face: "There are so many things that can go wrong with that — and I'm having so much fun with my life, I want to make sure I'm around to enjoy it.



*SOME FOR DANCING . . . Jerry and Betty Golmanavich have a record collection to satisfy almost every listening and dancing taste. One of their favorite "for fun" dance records is the "Little Bird" dance album (but they wouldn't agree to a photo of them dancing to it).*





# Pardon our dust

“C”onsolidate” is an easy enough term to say, but doing is something else.

A major revamping process is under way in the cable shop (Building 50) mostly to make way for products being brought here from other AT&T manufacturing locations, as part of the company’s overall consolidation effort.

Exchange cable operations have been moved out (Phoenix and Atlanta Works locations will make all of the exchange cable now), and vinyl production from the Atlanta Works and outside plant wire production from the Baltimore Works is moving in. A portion of the cable shop will be devoted to sheet metal fabrication.

The effort gives new meaning to the phrase “topsy-turvy world,” as rubble accumulates and gaps open up on the floor. In addition to transferred and new equipment arriving, some facilities must be converted and some must be relocated. The pace is unrelenting: The Works has pledged to complete its cable

shop renovation by Dec. 31 of this year.

And not all of the product lines going into the cable shop come from other locations. Some are new to the company — like electronic cable and wire, a family of products so new that many haven’t even been designed yet. The market for this product is impressive — and it’s growing steadily. The current market is estimated to be \$1.78 billion. The Omaha Works will be the only AT&T location competing for a share of that market.

Electronic cable and wire includes multi-conductor, hookup, coaxial and custom products. This family will establish AT&T as a full-line supplier of wire products ranging from one wire to composite cables for the work station of tomorrow. There’s icing on the cake, too. Many of the cable and wire products the Works has been making already qualify or can be easily adapted to fulfill the needs of the electronic cable and wire market.

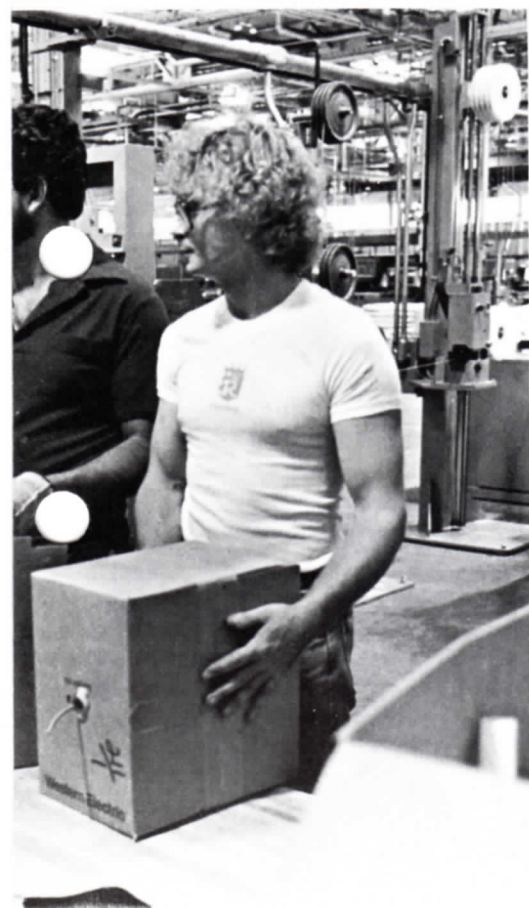
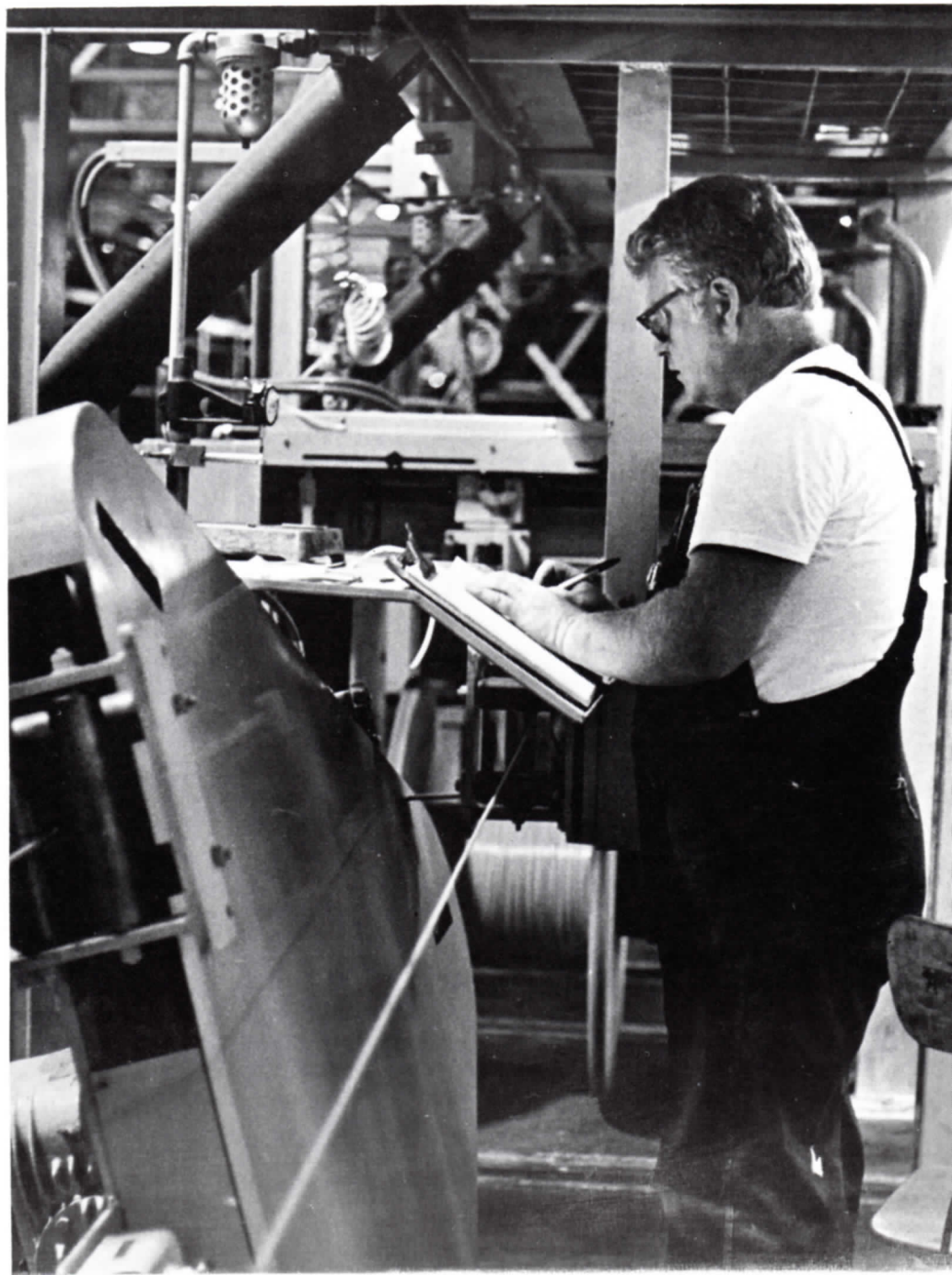
*TAKING SHAPE . . . Workers dismantle equipment used in exchange cable stranding operations. Old sheathing lines Nos. 10 and 11 are being replaced. Utility operator Jon Marinus checks the programmable controller (computerized) for mechanical parts and reducing costs; senior assemblers Tom Pallas and Pat Leary discuss the process of winding wire on a mandrel so the wire is used when it is used.*







Equipment (clockwise, from top) formerly used for making room for outside plant wire; the old line is being shortened to run stub and terminating data on the new No. 4 jacketing line; a worker operates motors, thus eliminating the need for engineer Warren Petersen (left) and installing a new Reelex packaging system that allows wire to be pulled out without twisting





# etc.

## Overseas venture

AT&T and three Taiwan organizations — the Directorate General of Telecommunications (DGT), the Bank of Communications and the Yao-Hua Glass Company — have formally announced the creation of a joint venture company, AT&T Taiwan Telecommunications, Inc.

The president of the new company is Dr. Herbert Chang, an AT&T Bell Laboratories engineer. He will be responsible for the management, administration and financial growth of the

company which initially will manufacture and market AT&T's advanced digital telecommunications switching system, the 5ESS™ switch.

AT&T will own 70 percent of the new company's stock; the DGT will own 15 percent; the Bank of Communications will own 10 percent; and the Yao-Hua Glass Company will own 5 percent.

For AT&T, the joint venture is a milestone, marking the first time the company has joined with an international partner in creating a 5ESS switch-manufacturing facility from the ground up.

## Ideas accepted

Awards have been presented to Works employees for ideas they

submitted to the employee suggestion program. The suggestions they made represent a total of \$8,300 in savings to the Omaha Works.

The employees and their awards are: Myrtle Mapes, Dept. 448, \$350; Thomas Payne, Dept. 231, \$300; Robert Dekker and Marion Hansz, Dept. 235, joint award of \$167.50 each; William Tiffit, Dept. 235, \$160; and Jerry Berger, Dept. 443, \$100.

## Happy birthday

When Walt Jacobsen turned 55 years old recently, he thought he'd treat himself to a special day. It began at the golf course, he said, and in the afternoon he went to the horse races at Ak-Sar-Ben.

The night before, Walt's wife, Joanne, called him from out of town and asked him to place a bet for her on "Alias Jake" — Jake is Walt's nickname. Walt did as she asked and decided to include Alias Jake in his predictions for the "Pick Six" game (a person correctly identifies the winning horse in six races).

Not only did Walt's wife collect on her bet, but Walt got a big return on his \$2 bet — he won \$4500. He was one of 195 winners to share in the Pick-Six winnings of the day.

## Works people earn patent

Three Omaha Works engineers were awarded U.S. Patent No. 4,446,422 for their joint effort: Paul Koehler, Tom Lichliter and the late Tom Leahy.

They developed a test set to detect, measure and classify defects in insulated wire, with the ability to define the size of the defect. The project began as an effort to reduce scrap as part of a cost reduction case. It eventually resulted in a total of \$257,000 in savings in the use of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) wire.

Leahy, who spearheaded the project, died Aug. 15 of cancer. He had worked with Lichliter on the electrical aspects of the test set while Koehler worked out the mechanical details.

In any project that has the

potential for a patent to be awarded, persistence and dedication are keys to its success. Leahy, both Koehler and Lichliter noted, was always enthusiastic and hard-charging with regard to their joint project.

"He didn't give up easily," Koehler said, "and his effort toward the patent was a good indication of the way he worked."

Receiving a patent is definitely an interesting experience, Koehler and Lichliter said. It is the first patent either of them has received.

Koehler's two children — 6 and 8 years old — were particularly excited over their father being recognized as an "inventor."



Tom Lichliter



Tom Leahy



Paul Koehler



Betty Hindman  
22 years



Eugene Sautter  
27 years

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WHO DO YOU TRUST? . . . Ann Rourke assists her magician-husband Dennis Rourke in the old knotted-scarf trick, while a trusting but unsuspecting Gene Stoltenberg of Dept. 232 obediently cooperates.

## Safety record prompts celebration

About 4,700 employees attended special safety program sessions in the auditorium last month, which were held in part to celebrate the Omaha Works' accumulation of 2 million man-hours worked without a

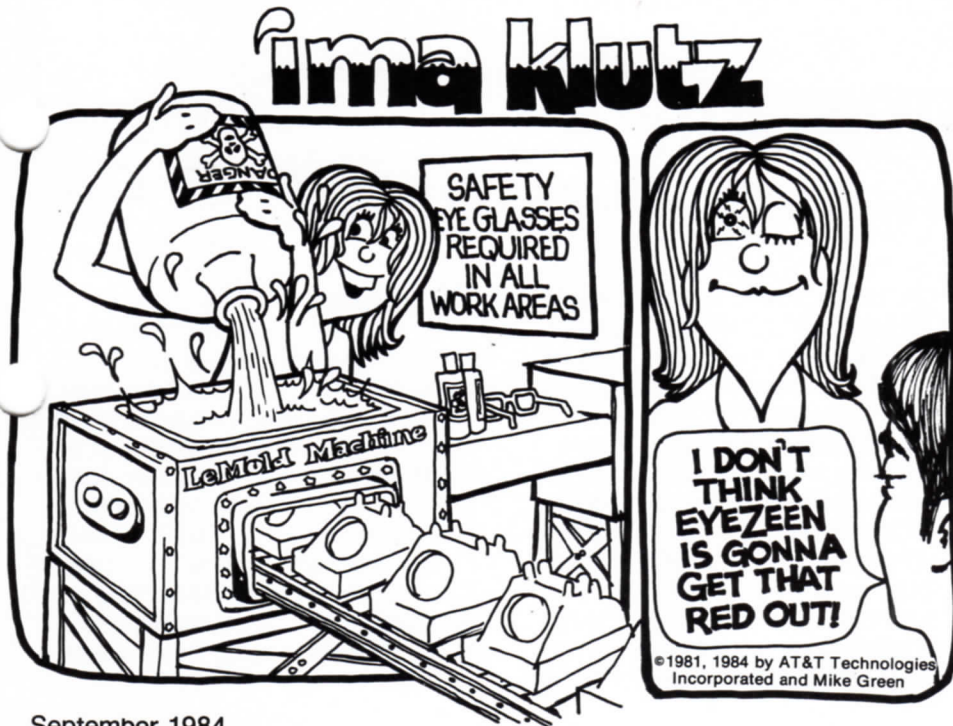
disabling injury. Twenty-one meetings were held in three days during all three shifts.

The celebration took on a carnival atmosphere complete with clowns, balloons, cookies and refreshments. Highlighting

the meetings was the appearance of "Mr. Magic" (Dennis Rourke) who combined his magical act with safety messages.

A TV-radio-tape recorder set was awarded to one lucky employee at each meeting. Those winners were: Jerry Green, Dept. 235; Richard Barton and Joe Murphy, Dept. 281; Myra Krahrmer, Dept. 287; James Drinnin, Dept. 532; John Tyrcha, Dept. 552; Max Zimmerman, Dept. 554; Pat Smith, Dept. 071; Larry Finley, Dept. 423; Patti White, Nancy Godios and Robert Dean, Dept. 424; Carrie Barclay, Dept. 426; Connie Fletcher, Dept. 428; Gary Kushinsky and Jackie Gilbreath, Dept. 429; Shirley Peterson, Dept. 443; Bob Roh and Joe Piechota, Dept. 444; Ingrid Griffin, Dept. 447; and Jackie Spracklin, Dept. 448.

More of the sets will be awarded at year's end to an employee in each operating and maintenance department that doesn't have a disabling injury between Aug. 8 and Dec. 14.



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# Have a heart . . . take care of it

*The following is one in a series of articles about health as part of "Love-Life," a health education program developed by the Immanuel Medical Center.*

Oh no! Here it comes again, another lecture on heart disease. Time to turn off to the message and light another smoke . . . or put your feet up and get comfortable for another evening snooze . . . or stuff more salt-laden, calorie-filled junk food down your throat. You can worry about all that heart health rubbish tomorrow.

Just maybe, though, it's time to take a look at your lifestyle and make the necessary changes — while you still have a lifestyle to change.

Every year more than 1 million Americans die of cardiovascular (heart and circulatory system) disease. That makes it America's leading killer, claiming more lives than all other causes of death combined.

Millions of dollars and years of research have gone into finding ways to improve heart health. The ultimate answer is fairly simple. If you don't take care

of your heart, chances are it isn't going to take care of you.

Don't try to kid yourself into believing that heart disease is an ailment for the very aged. One out of every four people who die from heart attack are not yet old enough to retire from their jobs. Many heart attack victims are in their primes with unwrinkled faces, growing children and dreams to fulfill. Many are just like you.

Heart disease is a term that covers a variety of illnesses such as heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure, hardening of the arteries, blockage of blood vessels and birth defects.

There are some risks of cardiovascular disease that medicine has not yet learned to control. For instance, men have a greater risk of suffering heart attacks than do women. Black Americans have about a 45 percent greater chance of developing high blood pressure than do white Americans. A tendency for developing heart and circulation problems may be inherited.

But there are plenty of things you can do to help safeguard

yourself against cardiovascular problems:

**1. Stop smoking.** Remember, a pack of cigarettes is nothing but a pack of trouble for your heart, arteries and lungs. One-pack-a-day smokers double their chances of having a heart attack. The more you smoke, the greater the risk.

**2. Watch what you eat.** Cholesterol is not just a myth dreamed up by margarine manufacturers. It can be found in many foods including fatty meats, egg yolks, butter, organ meats and shrimp. If cholesterol is allowed to build up in the body it can block arteries.

**3. Watch how much you eat.** The more weight you carry around the harder your heart has to work. Generally speaking, overweight people have a better chance of developing cardiovascular problems than do people of average weight.

**4. Identify and control high blood pressure (hypertension) and diabetes.** Both of these diseases sharply increase the risk of heart disease. Unfortunately, many people can have high blood pressure or diabetes for years and never know it. But the damage is being done all of the time.

**5. Exercise regularly.** Every day your heart beats 100,000 times and pumps 4,200 gallons of blood. Your heart's health can be improved by sensibly strenuous exercise. Jogging, brisk

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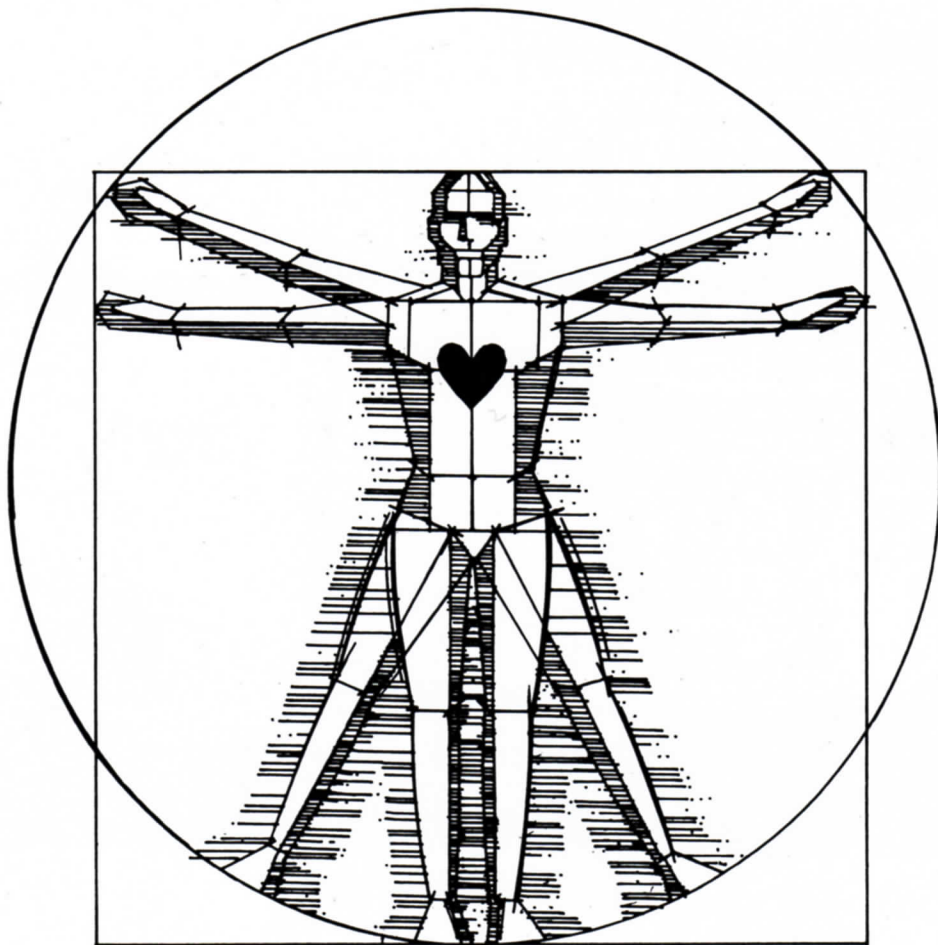
walking, swimming and cycling are all excellent forms of heart exercise. If you have been inactive for some time, check with your doctor to make sure your exercise routine is right for you.

**6. Manage stress.** By reducing tension in your daily life, you can also help reduce your risk of heart disease and other illnesses. Remember, you are in control.

**7. Have regular medical check-ups.** It's easy to tell if a finger is infected or if you have athlete's foot. But it takes a doctor to be able to "see" inside your body. Just because you are feeling fine does not mean that trouble is not brewing inside.

**8. Know the symptoms of heart attack and stroke.** It's hard to believe that the average heart attack victim waits three hours before seeking medical help. Most deaths from heart attack occur before the patient ever reaches the hospital. If you feel pressure or a squeezing pain in the chest area, have difficulty breathing, are suddenly dizzy or nauseous or start sweating for no apparent reason, seek medical attention immediately. Not all of the symptoms have to be present in order to indicate a heart attack is occurring.

Strokes often give warning weeks in advance. Spells of dizziness, sudden and temporary weakness or numbness on one



side of the body or blurred vision can be signs that you may be building up to a serious stroke. Many major strokes can be avoided if these early warning signals are recognized and medical help is received.

Take measures to help reduce your risk of heart disease and you will be on your way to a

healthier heart. Sure, it isn't easy. If it were, 42 million Americans probably would not be suffering from some form of cardiovascular disease.

Take a couple of minutes and decide to do something about your heart's health. And stick with the program like your very life depends on it. It does.

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| E. B. Leslie      | 429  | 9/9  |
| R. E. Meeker      | 1722 | 9/2  |
| L. F. Moore       | 444  | 9/3  |
| D. M. Morgan      | 429  | 9/10 |
| J. M. Newman      | 424  | 9/16 |
| J. C. Nixon       | 429  | 9/29 |
| M. V. Nowak       | 448  | 9/29 |

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| A. M. Peterson    | 429 | 9/10 |
| D. G. Preston     | 442 | 9/23 |
| B. S. Quandt      | 443 | 9/26 |
| E. L. Rhoads      | 443 | 9/22 |
| M. W. Rutten      | 443 | 9/16 |
| J. R. Springer    | 444 | 9/8  |
| D. S. Tesnohlidek | 287 | 9/29 |
| D. O. Thomas      | 287 | 9/17 |
| H. S. Tibbs       | 443 | 9/10 |
| A. C. Toney       | 448 | 9/30 |
| P. W. Wallinger   | 443 | 9/10 |
| D. Wells          | 444 | 9/30 |

### 10 years

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| D. A. Brown | 443 | 9/29 |
| G. A. Cook  | 475 | 9/7  |
| R. Delgado  | 442 | 9/15 |

### 5 years

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| M. L. Altic | 062 | 9/17 |
| M. R. Berg  | 071 | 9/17 |





## Last frame

You won't find a roller coaster like this at any amusement park.

Its series of dips and rolls and hairpin turns would thrill even the most discriminating of roller coaster enthusiasts.

But the machinery being monitored by Lyndon Ensz (left), a senior planning engineer in Dept. 475, and Kelly Fuller, a machine setter in Dept. 421, isn't a roller coaster after all. It's an auto-assembly system used to assemble 76 binding post

blocks.

The system is still in its prove-in stage and consists of three basic components. It has an assembly machine which puts screws into terminals and the terminals into blocks, and tests the blocks. It features a robot (nicknamed "Easy Larry") which feeds empty blocks into the assembly machine and removes full blocks, and a conveyor system for movement and storage of empty and full blocks. The conveyor system is purposely long — giving it a roller coaster look — to avoid too frequent loading and unloading by the machine operator.

And speaking of roller coaster, employees can ride a real one at Peony Park Sunday, Sept. 16, during the annual company picnic. The picnic starts at noon with admission at the gate costing \$3.25 for adults and \$2.50 for children, entitling picnickers to unlimited rides. Games, a classic car display and a dunking machine will be featured.

If you're up and about early that day, head Downtown to the Civic Auditorium to cheer for Works employees in the annual Corporate Cup Run. Participants start on a 10,000 meter course at 8 a.m.



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