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Governor Hails Heroic Act

Governor Norman A. Erbe of Iowa has personally commended Doris Ettlín for her part in aiding an accident victim.

Doris, a coil winder in department 442, and her friend, Bessie Garnica, an inspector in department 263, were driving to Council Bluffs for a mid-night snack following work April 14.

Beyond the South Omaha bridge, the two noticed car lights in a field which was about 15 feet below the road. Doris stopped her car and got out to investigate. She noticed that another motorist was already at the disabled car.

Doris returned to her own automobile to get a flashlight. Upon reaching the accident car, she found an unconscious woman slumped against the front door. She and the other motorist administered smelling salts which failed to revive the woman. Leaving the other motorist with the unconscious woman, Doris went back to the road and flagged down a truck.

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Jackie Slaughter Crowned 1962 Miss Weoma

Jackie Slaughter, department 1962, was crowned the 1962 Miss Weoma in an impressive ceremony on June 16.

The annual coronation was held in the Royal Grove at Peony Park during the intermission of the Coronation Dance held to honor the employee's royal lady. Master of ceremonies, Clarence Tompsett, opened the program with a brief explanation of the new queenly title. He then introduced H. P. Heath, Works Manager, who officially welcomed everyone.

As the 1961 Hello Charley Queen, Dolores Barkdoll, was unable to be present at the Coronation, her two attendants, Norma Korff, (424), and Annette Desler, (333), participated in the ceremonies in her stead. Annette expressed the thanks and appreciation of the 1961 Royal Court for their year of interesting activities.

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the new queen. With his announcement, "The 1962 Miss Weoma is Jackie Slaughter", a new reign began.

The purple robe of royalty was placed about Jackie's shoulders, and the last year's attendant, Norma Korff presented her with the Queen's bouquet of red roses, a glittering tiara was then placed on her head by Mr. Heath.

So that all her "subjects" could congratulate her and get a little closer look, Queen Jackie proceeded around the edge of the dance floor.

Following the traditional Queen's Dance by Jackie and Mr. Heath, the ceremony was concluded. Over 1,000 employees and guests attended the Coronation Dance. They attested to the fun-filled evening of dancing enjoyed by all.

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Seventeen days later Doris was opening her mail and discovered an official looking envelop from the State of Iowa. Governor Erbe had been informed of Doris's assistance in aiding the accident victim.

The Governor's letter read in part:

"The report states that you stood in eight inches of water for about half an hour without overshoes assisting an officer render first aid to an injured person.

"It is a pleasure to commend you for this voluntary act of civic service which certainly indicates that you have an unselfish regard for the safety and comfort of others. Actions such as yours are extremely important contributions to the work of improving the general attitudes of all highway users toward each other."

Doris had just completed the Standard First Aid course given under the sponsorship of the Weoma Club's Evening School. The lessons she learned from the course were promptly put to excellent use: helping to relieve the suffering of others.

All of her fellow employees join in saluting Doris for this commendable act.



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Stancavage

Sepke

He succeeds E. F. "Tom" Tomiska who retires this month.

Mr. Stancavage began his career with the Company in 1929 at the Kearny, N.J., Works as a stock maintenance clerk. In 1943 he was promoted to section chief in the personnel organization there. The following year he was advanced to department chief.

In 1955 he was transferred to the Allentown Works as assistant superintendent of industrial and labor relations.

At Dellwood from 1958 to 1959, he came to Omaha in June, 1959, as assistant superintendent of plant services.

He currently holds membership in the American Management Association, American Society of Tool

and Manufacturing Engineers, and the American Rifle Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Stancavage, who live in suburban Omaha, have one daughter, Sally, who is a former Omaha Works employee.

In another important organizational move, William J. Sepke has been promoted to superintendent of the production and operating results organization at the Company's New York headquarters. His promotion and transfer were effective June 1.

Mr. Sepke has been with the Company since 1946, having held various positions in the accounting organizations. In 1957 he was promoted to assistant superintendent of accounting coordination at the Hawthorne Works in Chicago. Prior to his transfer to the Omaha Works in 1961, he was in the personnel organization at New York. His last assignment at Omaha was assistant superintendent of wire spring relays and miscellaneous central office equipment apparatus.

G. A. McCarty, formerly department chief of miscellaneous apparatus and 70 type fuse, has been laterally transferred to the Columbus, (Ohio), Works as department chief of stock selecting, tab order expediting, mounting, stamping and relay adjusting.

He came to the Omaha Works in May 1956 as department chief of production. He joined the Company at Hawthorne where he was promoted to department chief in 1955.

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A. F. Fick To Dartmouth

A. F. Fick, Assistant Works Manager, is at Dartmouth College where he is participating in a Company-sponsored Management Objectives Program.

The eight weeks' course is one of several sponsored by the Company to keep Management abreast of the facets of progressive industry.

To My Fellow Employees

In a few days we will be starting our annual vacation trips. Some of us may be planning a journey West; others may be driving East, South or North.

Wherever our final destination may be, it is my sincere wish that we all arrive there safely.

Each year, the Company joins law enforcement agencies in encouraging safety, particularly at vacation times. But each year accidents do occur. We at the Omaha Works have been fortunate that no fatalities have occurred during the vacation period. Accidents have happened, however, and persons have spent their two weeks suffering in bed rather than enjoying the leisure time.

In the first nine months of last year, there were thirteen employees of the Company across the nation who were killed in traffic accidents. Ten more died from off-the-job mishaps. No one is immune, but proper precaution can prevent them from happening.

Let's do our part in making the ever-mounting accident toll decrease this year.

Have a most enjoyable and safe two weeks!

H.P. Heath
Manager

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July 4, 1776: The Beginning

Last week we observed what should be the most important national holiday of the year . . . the Fourth of July.

The significance of that first July 4, 1776 is stressed in our history books. Articles in papers and magazines remind us of the heritage bestowed upon us that day.

It was a brave group of men who gathered in Philadelphia one hundred and eighty-five years ago. Many were wealthy land owners. Others were those who were of more modest means. All were esteemed leaders in their own communities.

These men had come together resolved to participate in an act which, once accomplished, would change the destinies, of them all and the future of this land. They could all well lose whatever they possessed, including their lives, should their actions end in failure.

And so they assembled in Constitution Hall. The committee selected to compose what was to become known as the Declaration of Independence had presented this document to the Congress two days previously.

Largely the creation of Thomas Jefferson, (others on the committee were John Adams, Benjamin

Franklin, Robert R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman), this basic document of our struggle for freedom was accepted.

Affixing their signature to the paper, these men committed themselves to an unalterable course: rebellion, revolution, civil war. The subsequent conflict could have been called many names, but it is known as the Revolutionary War.

One of the signers, possibly the one with the most to lose materially, was Charles Carroll. When his time came to inscribe his name, he took the quill pen in hand. Not only did he write "Charles Carroll", but he added "of Carrollton." When asked why he did this, he explained that there were several men bearing his name. He wanted there to be no mistake as to which one had signed the Declaration of Independence.

This document has retained its full meaning over the years. Today its tenets guide the actions of our nation and its people.

Had there been no Declaration of Independence, there would have been no United States of America. What a debt of gratitude we owe these Founding Fathers and the courage with which they fought to give us the freedoms we have today.

Astronomers Take a Look at Next Twenty Years in Space Travel

What's ahead in space exploration? The Astronomy Club's Space Group has selected this as a most timely project.

Part of the group's endeavor is the maintenance of a calendar timed from 1962 to 1971. Each "target" established by the National Aeronautic and Space Administration thus far has been penciled in on the calendar under the appropriate month and year. As each is achieved the group will permanently record the event on the calendar.

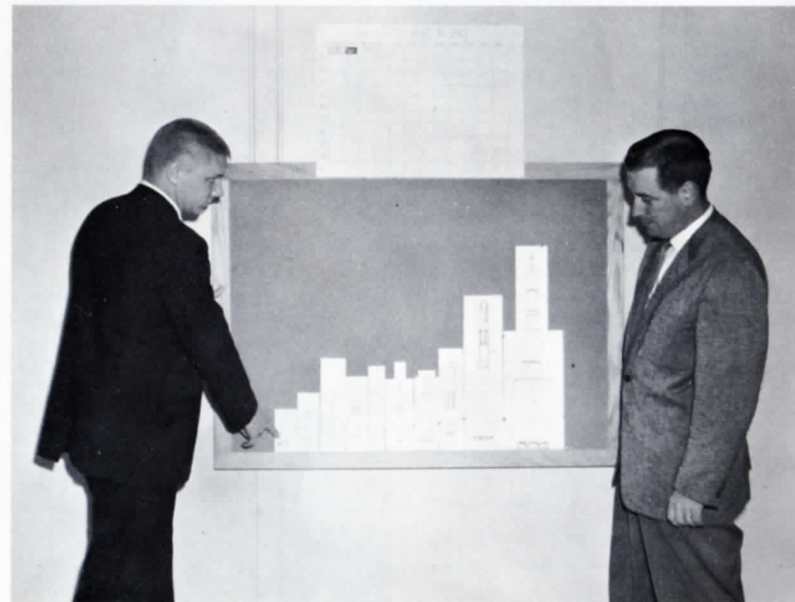
Another portion of the group project is the clipping book containing articles from newspapers and magazines which discuss phases of the quest for knowledge of space.

The membership of the club was filled in on this important portion of modern living by John Sheehan, Dick Beguin, and Marvin Jochimsen at the May meeting.

They discussed the methods and techniques of space travel, and reviewed and connected the relationship of the three space programs: Mercury, Apollo, and Gemini.

Project Mercury, the panel explained, entails orbiting the earth, having the spacecraft leave the orbit for observation of the moon.

Project Apollo will put various component parts of a spacecraft into orbit around the earth which



Marv Jochimsen and John Sheehan are two of the members of the Space Group who are studying the projected advances in space exploration.

will be assembled in space. Once assembled, the craft will shoot for the moon.

Project Gemini will shoot directly from earth to the moon.

An interesting point raised by the panel discussion was that the return trip from the moon to the earth will require that the craft pass through a "window" four miles wide. This is equivalent to

hitting a nickle at the end of a football field with a shotgun.

The adventures open in space are just beginning. And our local astronomers will be following every step of the way, not only keeping pace with the reporting of developments, but with the understanding of the techniques and principles connected with each phase of this most interesting task.

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During May, for instance, the members of Post 415 and their advisory officials went on an overnight campout at Louisville Lakes. Among the familiar equipment they carried with them were sleeping

and cooking gear, flashlights, food for three meals, and the old standby . . . insect repellent.

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As a dress rehearsal for the show, the Post is planning a program for their families and invited guests to be held in the Company Auditorium prior to the annual event.

Art Pendray, (262), is the institutional representative for the Post. Committeemen are Al Hartman, (741), Tom Shapland, (743), and Marvin Jochimsen, (744). Advisor is Dick Barnett, (744). Bob Nel-

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For further details on the Explorer Scouts and to obtain membership applications, contact any of the committee, institutional representative or advisor.

There will be no issue of the Westerner in August due to the standard vacation period. The next issue will be the combined August-September issue, for which deadline for submitting information to the Editor is August 15.

"Who Me?" cries Queen Jackie



Jackie Slaughter, center, expresses her surprise when the announcement was made that she was this year's Miss Weoma. Her attendants LaNaya Stidham, (722), left, and Judy Mumm, (435), right, look on.

ANNIVERSARIES

25 Daniel F. Kinnally, section chief of polyethylene insulating and wire drawing, marks his twenty-fifth year with Western Electric on July 15.

A native of Illinois, he was originally employed at the Hawthorne Works in Chicago as a bench hand. During his early years with the Company he gained experience as an enamel machine operator, and in extruding cable, enamel cable cord and wire operations.

In 1955 he was promoted to group chief and three years later was transferred and promoted to section chief at Omaha.

During World War II, Dan served in the Marines rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

The Kinnallys, who live at 3123 South 105th Avenue in Omaha, have two children.

20 Richard Branecki, (214), July 6.

Gerald J. Cozette, (734), July 14.
Leonard J. Branecki, (245), July 26.

15 Leonard E. Pitner, (243), July 16.

10 John E. Malone, (263), July 7.

Thomas V. Pryor, (253), July 7.
Richard P. Lee, (425), July 22.
Donald L. Maaske, (711), July 28.

The Record

MARRIAGES:

Eugene G. Chleboun, (433), to Janet L. Hupp, June 16, 1962.
Patricia Ann Good, (332), to Thomas Eichacker, June 1, 1962.
Fritz C. Lorenz, (322), to Carolyn L. Ruge, May 30, 1962.
Phyllis M. Nelson, (725), to Gerald K. Baker, June 2, 1962.

BIRTHS:

Beryl and Waldine Harris, (6354), a boy, Ronald Paul, May 2, 1962.
Russell and Carolyn Mass, (435-4), a boy, Anthony Allen, June 6, 1962.
Allen and Edine Moody, (241), a girl, Marla Jean, June 1, 1962.
Robert and Beverly Selko, (242), a boy, Glenn Charles, May 25, 1962.
Andrew and Marilyn Simpson, (6354), a boy, Daniel Wayne, May 26, 1962.
Frank and Helen Stilmock, (320-1), a girl, Judith Marie, June 9, 1962.
James and Janice Thomson, (433-4), a boy, Rodney Allen, May 26, 1962.



Tom Doyle (734), discusses degreasing theory during recent training program.

Ten-Hour Program Covers Degreaser Training

Through the united efforts of the Omaha Works' finishing engineering department, (734), and the employee training section, (311-1), forty-seven employees were instructed in the safe, efficient operation and maintenance of trichlorethylene degreasers.

Selected personnel from the operating, maintenance, safety, Works' inspection and engineering organizations attended the ten-hour training program in the Company Auditorium during the early part of May.

In nine of the sessions, Tom Doyle, planning engineer, (734), discussed degreasing theory, safety and cost reduction. The remaining session consisted of an explanation of special degreasing topics by representatives from the Works' medical and industrial hygiene organization.

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Golf Meet Results

and servicing the sixteen Works' degreaser installations.

The employee training section will periodically conduct a modified version of the training course for all new degreaser operators in order to maintain a high level of job knowledge and proficiency.

Meet Your Reporter

Reporters for the Westerner in the spotlight this month are Zona Plymale, (261), and Judy Young, (435).



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Car Pool Fights Fire Until Local Fire Department Arrives On Scene

Most work-bound people are concentrating attention on their driving and thinking of the problems which might be coming up through the day. But two Omaha Works men were doubly alert on the morning of June 13.

Harry Walker, (265), and Don Reser, (742), were on their way to pick up the third member of their car pool, Darrel Scholer, (742), when they spotted an unusual light in a house. Looking more closely they saw smoke.

As Darrel lived only a few houses away, Harry drove to the Scholer residence and had Darrel call the fire department. Meanwhile, Don had been left at the endangered home. He got into the house and awakened the occupants, a mother and her four children.

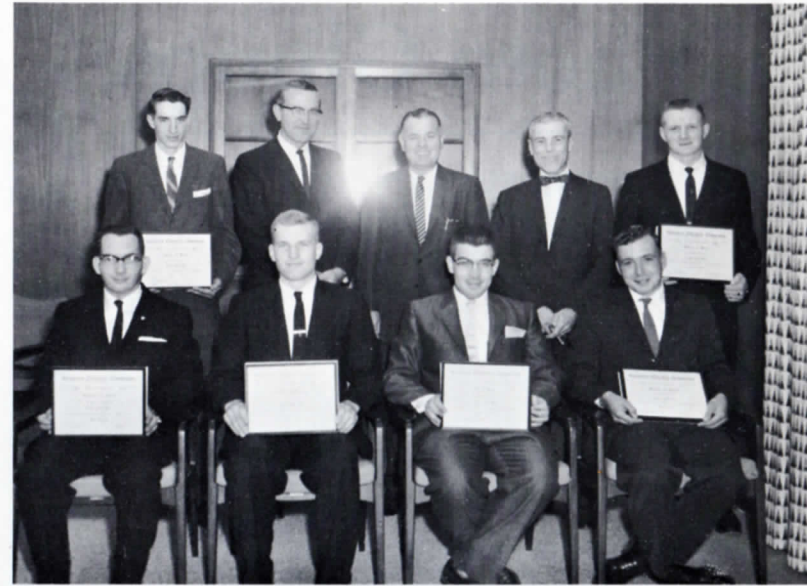
By this time Harry had returned. The men found a garden hose, attached it, and sprayed the burning curtains and davenport.

The fire department arrived on the scene, found the blaze under control, and they promptly extinguished it.

The keen eyesight of our early morning travelers possibly saved the lives of five people and also prevented extensive damage to their personal property.

Morey Johnson Commended For Top Service

Morey B. Johnson, planning engineer, (732), was presented the Outstanding Service Award by the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers at their annual meeting in April for his efforts in increas-



New T&D Graduates

Recent Tool and Dye graduates pose with Company and government officials following their graduation ceremony. Left to right standing: Robert Selko; J. J. Stancavage, (200); John C. Connelly, U. S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship; E. F. Tomiska, former superintendent of 200; and Wallace White. Seated: Kenneth Tyner, Alan Moody, Don Bates, and Richard Rahde.

Four Sport New Diplomas

There were four smiling faces around the Works early last month. It was Graduation Day and for these men it meant diploma day.

Assisted financially by the Company-sponsored Tuition Refund Plan, B. J. Van Vooren, (743), R. D. Hartmann, (755), D. W. Ehrenberg, (713), and R. E. Rezek, (333), were awarded bachelor of science degrees in their respective fields.

Graduating from the University of Omaha, Hartmann and Ehrenberg received their degrees in Business-Engineering, while their class members Van Vooren and Rezek had Industrial Engineering and Business Administration, respectively, as their majors.

ful completion of the courses pursued.

If you haven't completed your college education yet, why not check into the possibility of returning to school? Chances are that your course of study will be favorably considered for Tuition Refund.

Your supervisor will be able to answer questions concerning the Plan. Further inquiries may be made by contacting Mrs. Jean Anderson, department 312, extension 3247.

Vacation Photos Requested

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Golf Meet Results

C. S. Schmidt, (443), led the golfers at the annual spring golf outing, June 9, at Chapel Hill Country Club, with his net score of 66. Complete results of the day's events are as follows:

FLIGHT WINNERS

Place	Flight No.	Score
1st	Curtis (311)	72
2nd	Matt (700)	74
3rd	Pettersen (255)	75
4th	Lassek (324)	76
Place	Flight No. 2	Score
1st	Schmidt (443)	66
2nd	Sprain (742)	76
3rd	Knott (713)	76
4th	Jahnke (241)	77
Place	Flight No. 3	Score
1st	Anderson (6354)	71
2nd	Sheehan (741)	73
3rd	Johnson, R. (312)	76
4th	Hinman (424)	76
Place	Flight No. 4	Score
1st	Sladek (330)	69
2nd	Pethes (443)	70
3rd	Brown (243)	79
4th	Pierce (243)	81
Place	Flight No. 5	Score
1st	Lindamood (6351)	70
2nd	Pardee (245)	79
3rd	Vahl (735)	82
4th	Johnson, M. (732)	83
Place	Flight No. 6	Score
1st	Schanbacher (734)	80
2nd	Rosness (433)	81
3rd	Bachus (741)	81
4th	Yen (753)	82

All ties were resolved by blind drawing for final standing.



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Zona is married and has three children. When neither working for W.E. nor for her family, she enjoys leisure time activities of swimming, dancing and fishing.

Judy Young, secretarial-stenographer for department 435, is another pretty well-known gal. She was one of the six semi-finalists in the 1961 Hello Charley contest.

A graduate of Papillion High School, Judy is married and likes to bowl and swim. She has been with the Company since 1959.

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Only two such awards were presented by the state group this year.

Morey is currently chairman of the membership committee for the Eastern Chapter and is a vice chairman for the state organization.

In addition to his activities in N.S.P.E., Morey has been elected to a one-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Cornhusker Chapter.

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E. P. Kealy, (273), was a January graduate in Business Administration-Engineering from Creighton University. He, too, received aid from the Tuition Refund Plan.

The Plan is open to all employees. It is intended to encourage formal education that is related to present jobs or to other jobs within the Company to which participants might reasonably aspire.

Under the provisions of the Plan, the Company refunds half of the tuition at the time of registration and the balance upon success-

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Expert photography is not our goal, but rather, interesting scenes of your trip which might be shared with others.

If you wish to submit photos for consideration for publication you may give them to the Westerner reporter in your sub-branch or bring them to the Westerner office, room 122.

All entries must be received by the Editor by August 15.

Bowling Tourney Winners Receive Trophies



Winners of the women's team competition were: From L to R: Marilyn D'Agosta, Bonnie Berg, Ruth Dages, Polly Rahn, and Lorraine Borman.



Ruth Dages, (6350), kept three trophies: team, all events and doubles trophy.



The Alley Katz won the men's team competition. Team members are from L to R: John Winchester, Lonie Richt, Dick Glaseman, Ed Allen, and Mike Grudenic.

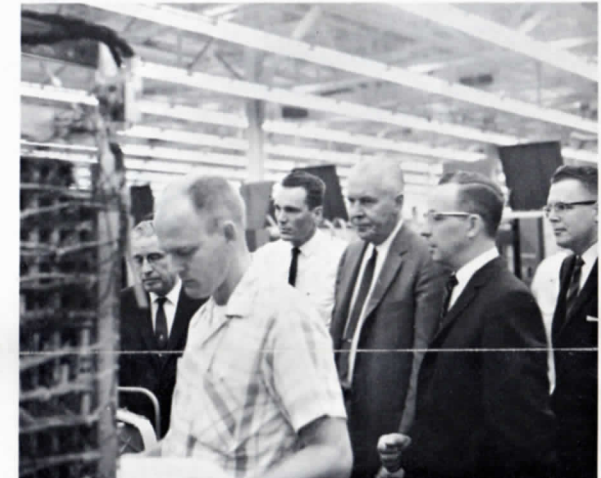
Photo Glimpses In and Around The Works



Plant protection had an unusual assignment recently. They were busy as bees, which had swarmed there. The massed weight of the insects broke the above limb. The dark mass in the center of the photo which appears to be foliage is in reality the congregation of bees!



The Weoma Music Club's annual spring concert was held June 20 and 21 in the Company Auditorium. Lloyd Myers, (above, left), conducted the choral group, and Dwight Catlett, (not shown), directed the band.



On his recent visit to the Omaha Works, P. R. Brousse, Vice President of Manufacturing, (fourth



New members of the Pioneers are (left to right, standing) W. J. Clark, (720), E. S. Kot, (443), W. Zorko, (245); (seated) R. E. Pierson, (424), R. E. Hansen, (273), and A. F. Fick, (10).



Hot weather has put electric fans and air conditioners in full swing. Donita Lindamood, (333), shows her daughter, Leigh Ann, the Western Electric-made fan which has been in her family several generations. In previous years, the Company engaged in a number of varied manufacturing endeavors.



On his recent visit to the Omaha Works, P. R. Brousse, Vice President of Manufacturing, (fourth from left), watches as Fred Beach tests systems in the new #400 unit.



Five hundred and forty-two cars were inspected during the Safety Check week, June 25-29, conducted by the Works safety department. Local television coverage was given the event.



One of the many presentations of certificates made to E. F. "Tom" Tomiska prior to his retirement was this Bachelor of Patience degree. Tom, (left), accepts this "diploma" from H. P. Heath, Works Manager.



Glen Miller, (725), has been awarded his second patent. This patent pertains to the securing of terminals to wires. Glen, (left), shows Paul Matt, (700), his patent in action.