

# W. E. 'Gains Two Years'

## Pilot Plant Operation Trained Personnel

Because of its pilot plant in Omaha, the Western Electric Company has "gained two years" in putting its plant at Millard into production, the Omaha Real Estate Board was told Wednesday at the Rome Hotel.

"By training key supervisors and other personnel in the pilot plant we now are able to produce substantial quantities of the products we will turn out at Millard," H. P. Heath, superintendent, said.

### 1,200 Employed

Although the plant is not scheduled for completion until October, 12 hundred persons already are employed, Mr. Heath said. That figure may go to four thousand when full production is reached, he added.

The products are exchange cables and central-office dialing equipment.

The pilot plant is divided between the old Ford Building at Sixteenth and Cuming Streets, purchased by Western Electric, and the leased Sidles Building, 502 South Nineteenth Street.

### Quality Known

Mr. Heath said Omaha was selected for the plant because of its size, water, power and quality of the available labor.

"We don't like to be the main source of employment in a community, where our ups and downs might be disturbing," Mr. Heath said.

He said the quality of Nebraska labor has been known since the opening of the Western Electric plant in Lincoln in 1944.