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Millard Concrete Plant Is Planned

The Ready Mix Concrete Company will establish a plant in Millard, G. R. Bathe, vice-president and general manager, said Friday.

He said the company believes the plant will be strategically located in respect to industrial, residential and highway development southwest of Omaha.

The plant, sixth for the company, is expected to be completed in January, Mr. Bathe said.

Union Pacific Railroad said a 1,843-foot spur track will be built to serve the plant.

Millard Worker's Injuries Are Fatal

A Western Construction Company supervisor was fatally injured Thursday afternoon at the site of the new Western Electric Company plant near Millard.

Dead on arrival at County Hospital was Archie May, 53, Millard.

Company officials said they did not know the details of the accident but a caterpillar vehicle apparently was involved.

Mr. May was taken to County Hospital by the Ralston rescue squad.

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W. E. Begins Work Oct. 1

To Use Ford Building While Plant Built

The Western Electric Company will begin operations in the former Ford Building at Sixteenth and Cuming Streets about October 1.

The company expects to have about five hundred working at its two locations within the city by the end of the year.

These plans were confirmed Saturday by Herbert P. Heath, superintendent of the Omaha shops.

He said the company now has about 150 working in its building at Nineteenth and Howard Streets.

Training Planned

About 60 are assembling telephone relays, winding coils, wiring and assembling units used in central office dial telephone equipment.

The others are engineering, supervision, employment and accounting workers.

He said applicants will be selected soon for a 3½-year apprentice training course that will qualify them as tool and die makers and machinists. About 10 trainees will start first. The number will increase gradually to a maximum of 20 to 25 men in training.

Telephone Equipment

Mr. Heath said first production in the former Ford Building will also be on central dial telephone equipment, using parts supplied by other Western Electric plants. Local manufacture of parts will start within two months.

Western Electric will use these two locations until its new 30-million-dollar plant being built near One Hundred Thirty-second and L Streets is ready.

The new plant—featuring three main buildings with 1,700,000 square feet of space—is scheduled to be ready for preliminary operations in 1958 and full operation in 1959.