



WINNER of a Western Electric National Merit Scholarship, Miss Chrisinda Moreschi is congratulated by Western Electric Vice President Harry N. Snook as her mother, Mrs. Louise D. Moreschi, Department 1155, and William L. Voigt, Director, MVW, look on.



SPECIAL \$200 AWARDS were presented to Chester A. Bisbee (second left) and Charles G. McLeavy (second right) by Lee R. McClary, MVW Director, as Larry Bisbee (left), Department Chief, Traffic, and Mrs. Rosamund McLeavy, Department 562, observed the presentations. The boys were finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

WE Youngsters Receive Special Scholarship Awards

In recognition of their achievement of finalist status in this year's National Merit Scholarship competition, the sons of two Merrimack Valley Works employees have been presented special \$200 awards by Western Electric.

The winners of these special awards were Charles G. McLeavy, son of Mrs. Rosamund McLeavy, a crystal stamper in Department 562, and Chester A. Bisbee, son of Larry Bisbee, Department Chief, Traffic.

With their parents in attendance, the youngsters were presented their awards at a meeting at the North Andover Plant by Lee R. McClary, Director of Merchandise and Manufacturing Services.

Mr. McLeavey, of Hampton, N.H., is enrolled at Swarthmore College, while Mr. Bisbee, a graduate of Andover High School, has been accepted at Bowdoin.

While Western Electric is proud of the youngsters who were selected earlier as winners of National Merit Scholarships, it is equally proud of those who achieved finalist status, for this is a select group of our nation's most outstanding high school students. Because the company feels

there is a fine line separating the scholarship winners from those who earned finalist status, it was decided to present special awards to the WE youngsters who made the finals.

Earlier this summer, Miss Chrisinda Moreschi, daughter of Mrs. Louise D. Moreschi, Department 1155, was presented a National Merit Scholarship by Western Electric Vice President Harry N. Snook at the Merrimack Valley Works. Miss Moreschi, a graduate of North Andover High School, was one of ten Western Electric youngsters to receive Merit Scholarships. The scholarships are awarded in nationwide competition to employees' children for "outstanding performance and future promise." Miss Moreschi has been accepted at Vassar College, where she plans to major in psychology.

Fifty finalists in the 1968-69 Western Electric Merit Scholarship Program, who were not among the ten selected for four-year scholarships by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, were presented one-time awards of \$200 by Western Electric.

This modification of the program will also apply to all future finalists who are not selected for the four-year scholarship. The number of Western Electric Merit Scholarship winners selected each year will remain at ten.

Suggestion Award Of \$410

Michael Bedrosian, Department 495, has been presented a Suggestion Award of \$410 for his suggestion proposing the redesign of a weekly results performance report.

In the new format, the report consolidates production service statistics and presents a better over-all description of performance by shops in one area compared to the split categories previously used. The new report has proved effective in saving time and effort.

MUSINGS

Sign in front yard: "Anyone is welcome to use our lawn mower, providing they don't take it out of the yard."



H. J. Boyle
40 Years



J. C. Duncan
35 Years



F. M. Ryan
30 Years

Anniversaries

Name	Dept.	Sept.
FORTY YEARS		
Boyle, Hugh J.	405	5

Name	Dept.	Sept.
THIRTY-FIVE YEARS		
Duncan, Joseph C.	925	22
THIRTY YEARS		
Ryan, Frank M.	925	24
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS		
Lapenas, Anna F.	561	3
Anzigian, Harouten	973	4
Rurak, John T.	211	5
Woodman, Madeline	925	7
Robinson, Orra K.	534	8
Drapeau, Irene	973	9
Brown, Everett A.	365	11
Kinney, George E.	534	13
Innis, Joseph F.	563	20
Dusombre, Arthur R.	973	21
D'Orto, Antoinette	973	23
Gogas, Mary M.	924	27
Miserlis, Mary	924	27

Name	Dept.	Sept.
TWENTY YEARS		
Nolin, Alice L.	961	27

Name	Dept.	Sept.
FIFTEEN YEARS		
Wilson, Gertrude A.	230	1
Laudani, Mary D.	973	2
Guilmette, Robert J.	712	15
McGee, Katherine A.	961	16

Name	Dept.	Sept.
LaPierre, Richard A.	960	17
Despres, Beatrice L.	961	18
LeBlanc, Joseph L.	544	19
Shaboo, John	1160	22
Dube, Yolande C.	1154	24
Kelly, Maldina P.	973	24
Griffin, Georgia	973	27
Merritt, Ralph M.	546	27
Pollina, Rosario J.	548	27
Vaughan, Robert E.	365	27
Sturk, Loyola Y.	541	28
Carter, Theodore S.	1159	29

Retirement



C. C. Morin

Mrs. Claire C. Morin, a layout operator in Department 923, will retire from Western Electric on September 30, 1969. Mrs. Morin, who resides at 153 Broadway, Haverhill, has more than twenty-two years of company service.



VISITORS. Long Lines Department and other Bell System officials were the guests recently of Western Electric Vice President Harry N. Snook at a luncheon and tour of the North Andover Plant of the Merrimack Valley Works. Here Senior Engineer Walter L. Lawrence, 751, discusses an exhibit of Thin Film Integrated Circuits. Seated, left to right: Joseph W.

Kingsbury, General Manager, Government Communications, Washington, D.C.; Thomas W. Scandlyn, General Manager, Eastern Area, Washington, D.C., and Vice President Snook. Standing, rear, C. Baker Clotworthy, Director of Engineering, MVW, and Robert A. Manning, Department Chief, 751.



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FUN TIME. Carol Leavitt, WEVALLEY GIRL, 1969, at the Merrimack Valley Works, shares exercise and enjoyment with her children, "Beaver" and Mary, during a jovial bicycle jaunt.



VOLUNTEER. Carol contributes an evening's effort every two weeks as a member of the Hale Hospital Auxiliary.

Carol Leavitt Close-Ups:

A WEVALLEY GIRL'S ALBUM



HAPPY moment in their backyard garden is shared by Carol and her son, "Beaver."



KNITTING colorful afghan provides Carol pleasant relaxation while she watches TV.



ON THE JOB. A tester in Department 1144, Carol is shown here discussing a testing procedure with her supervisor, Section Chief Dan Bunce.



CAREFREE. On a sun-splashed summer's day, Carol enjoys the sun and fun while basking on the beach at Plug Pond recreation area in Haverhill.

Kaleidoscope

Megabits Giant Step To Boost T-1 Carrier Potential

T-1 Carrier—one of Merrimack Valley's hottest jobs, soon due to expand its floor space—is slated to become even bigger in the Bell System because of "megabits," which have to do with data transmission.

A "megabit" is one million bits of information per second; it means transmittal of the U.S. Constitution in about a wink's time, thus helping businessmen send more data in shorter time, improving service and cutting computer holding time.

BTL's Data Communications Laboratory has nearly doubled the capacity of ordinary telephone lines to carry data by developing the 203 Data Set, which boosts top speed on the regular dialed phone network to 3,600 bits per second.

In development now: a new data service operating at 1,344,000 bits per second—1.3 megabits; part of a BTL effort to make efficient use of the T-1 Carrier for data.

In the planning stages: a system operating at 6,000,000 bits per second. In the future: digital systems able to transmit up to 600-million bits per second, equivalent to sending the Manhattan telephone directory in a single breath space.

If You Really Care, You Can Really Help!

Care enough to help kids, old folks, the needy? Then give enough— give a helping hand to the MVW-wide "United Giving" drive for 1969, due to get underway the week of September 15. You'll be contacted to give some, give more, and you can designate the agency to get your help. Sections and Departments can earn Fair Share and Grand Awards; Fair Sharers will also get individual awards. Daily progress will be marked on special charts and on the billboard facing the North Andover Plant on Route 125.

Directing the drive: Assistant Manager Gerry Fannon, chairman; Assistant Manager Joe Giampa, co-chairman; Bob Wysocki, secretary; sub-committee chairmen Bernie Mooers, publicity; Phil Winters, statistics; Ed Moye, awards; Assistant Manager Al Habif, supervisory; Norm Peterson, solicitors, with co-chairmen Norm Obert, representing Local 1365, CWA and John Pizar.

Telephone Service Cores Cut Costs, Boost Service

Telephone Service Cores—small, handy rooms conveniently located throughout the office areas, are now being constructed and equipped at Merrimack Valley; electrical and communications equipment is currently being installed.

These Telephone Service Cores, or telephone apparatus rooms, are being set up as various departmental moves are made in conjunction with occupation of the office building expansion. They'll house connection equipment, some of which was previously located adjacent to desks with multiple-connection phones, as well as other telephone apparatus.

Advantages: improved service, easier repairs, reduced extensive cable run-arounds, and cut cost; also increased office space by centralizing apparatus in service cores.