

# MERRIMACK VALLEY WORKS NEWSLETTER



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## MVW 1969 United Giving Campaign Week of Sept. 15th



Phillip R. Sirois, Department 538, says:

"I support the MVW United Giving campaign because I feel that the United Fund is a great asset to the community. I know many youngsters—including my son, who is a member of the Boys' Club and the Boy Scouts—who have benefited in many ways from the wholesome activities sponsored by these United Fund agencies."

Based on the theme "WE (Employees) Lend a Hand with United Giving," the 1969 Merrimack Valley Works-wide United Giving campaign will be held during the week of September 15. During the drive, employees will be contacted by volunteer solicitors urging new enrollments and increased contributions from those who have already enrolled.

Funds raised through the campaign will benefit United Fund agencies in the communities of the contributors' choice. Those employees whose home communities do not have a United Fund agency may wish to designate another community to receive their donations.

Sections and departments contributing pre-designated percentages of the goal will be awarded Fair Share or Grand Award presentations, or both, during the drive. Fair Share participants also will receive individual awards.

Daily progress of the campaign will be recorded on special charts throughout the Works and on a huge billboard opposite the North Andover Plant on Route 125.

This year's drive is being conducted under the direction of Gerald M. Fannon, Assistant Manager, with Joseph J.

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Pauline Danley, Department 847, says:

"I support the MVW United Giving drive because I think the United Fund is the organization that helps the most children. To me that's the important thing in life. It fosters programs in physical therapy, speech therapy, Boys' Clubs, Girls' Clubs, orphanages, adoption agencies—almost any place the children need help."

## Serio, Schneider, Jones Named Assistant Managers



J. Serio

Joseph Serio, formerly Department Chief, Public Affairs, Public Relations, Safety, and Special Services at the Merrimack Valley Works, has been promoted, effective September 1, to Assistant Manager, Industrial Relations, Personnel Relations, Community and Public Relations in Western Electric's Transmission Equipment Divisional Staff Office in the

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H. A. Schneider

Howard A. Schneider, 51 Woodland Road, Andover, formerly Department Chief, Engineering - Transmission Components at the Merrimack Valley Works, was promoted September 1 to Assistant Manager, Product Planning, in the Engineering Division of Western Electric at company headquarters in New York City.

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C. S. Jones

Charles S. Jones, Parish Road, Georgetown, formerly Department Chief, Transmission Equipment Engineering, was promoted September 1 to Assistant Manager, New and Changed Design, at the Merrimack Valley Works.

Mr. Jones holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Tufts College. He is a Registered Profes-

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## Promotions

Joseph M. Lyons, Senior Engineer, 136, was promoted to Department Chief, 743, effective September 1.

Edmund F. Dowd, Jr. was promoted from Senior Engineer, 712, to Department Chief, 134, effective September 1.

### J. Serio

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Boston area.

In his new capacity, Mr. Serio reports to G. L. Hermansen, Director of Division Staff, who reports to Vice President Harry N. Snook.

Mr. Serio joined the company in 1952

as a stock maintenance clerk and served as a section chief in Production Control and Industrial Relations before promotion to his former post.

He and his wife, Wanda, have two children: Mrs. Peter Lindenbaum of Bloomington, Indiana, and Joseph Serio, Jr., U.S. Army, in Viet Nam. Mr. and Mrs. Serio reside at 15 Lowell Junction Road, Andover.

### H. A. Schneider

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Mr. Schneider holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a master's degree in business administration from Northeastern University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Massachusetts.

He joined the company in 1959 as an

engineer and was promoted to Senior Engineer in 1964. In 1967, he was promoted to Department Chief.

He and his wife, P. Virginia, have two children: William, eight, and Karen, four.

### C. S. Jones

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sional Engineer in Massachusetts.

He joined the company in 1956 as an assistant engineer, was promoted to engineer in 1957, and became a senior engineer in March, 1964. Later that year, he was promoted to Department Chief, Quartz Growing and Cutting. This was followed by several other assignments at department chief level.

He and his wife, Betty Sue, have three children: Charles, Jr., eighteen; Michael, thirteen, and Timothy, eleven.



**TENTH ANNIVERSARY.** With WEVALLEY Girl and her court in attendance, the above ten lanesmen opened their tenth year of bowling in the Club Thursday Night Ten Pin League. Front, left to right: Joe Blazonis, Al Skusevich, Russ Arsenault, Lou Marresse, Leo Hennessy, and George Mooshian. Rear: Eldon Berthiaume, Claire DeMariano, Dick Howes, Carol Leavitt, Willy Svenson, Winifred McGuire, and Bob Hayden.



**ACTION** galore featured the competition in the WEVALLEY Club-sponsored softball competition on the Merrimack Valley Works diamonds this season. Here Ted Pekalsky takes a swing at the ball. Catcher is Tom Doherty, and the umpire is Dick Haseltine.

## Club Sports Calendar Active

Now moving into the bowling season, while preparing to put the wraps on the softball and golfing activities, the WEVALLEY Club has a constant schedule of sports action under way.

This past season, 300 Merrimack Valley men participated in softball on the diamonds at the North Andover Plant while 240 men and 24 women took part in golf competition in six individual leagues. Almost a thousand men and women will participate in the competition offered in twenty leagues of bowlers this fall and winter. Also in the sports field, 200 Merrimack Valley Works people enjoyed the activities of the Club Camping group this summer.



**ON THE GREEN.** Nancy Peterson gets set to sink a putt as other members of a WEVALLEY Club-sponsored Women's Golf League foursome watch with interest. Left to right: Patricia Zakiewicz, Millie Berube, Nancy, and Bea Benson. There were also golf leagues for men.



### In Memoriam

Eugene Leduc, Department 563, died on August 17, 1969.

### UNITED FUND

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Giampa, Assistant Manager, as co-chairman. W. Robert Wysocki is serving as secretary.

Chairmen of sub-committees are as follows:

Publicity, Bernard A. Mooers; statistics, Philip A. Winters; awards, Edward W. Moye; supervisory, Albert Habif; solicitors, C. Norman Peterson, with co-chairmen Norman E. Obert, representing Local 1365, CWA, and John Pizar.

### MARKS ANNIVERSARY

In the September 1 issue of the MVW NEWSLETTER, the name of Harouten Manzigian was misspelled. Mr. Manzigian, an employee in Department 973, observed his 25th service anniversary on September 4.

### \$225 SUGGESTION AWARD

Joseph Gonthier, Department 546, has been presented a Suggestion Award of \$225 for his suggestion proposing a change in a ferrite manufacturing process.

## WEVALLEY Girl, Carol Leavitt Visits State Senate

GUEST of Massachusetts Senator James P. Rurak, WEVALLEY Girl Carol Leavitt recently enjoyed a visit to the State House. Here Sen. Rurak shows Carol some of the paperwork involved in legislation as Senate President Maurice A. Donahue looks on.



PLEASANT visit to the Senate chamber was highlighted for WEVALLEY Girl Carol by her meeting with Senate President Maurice A. Donahue, shown here sharing the gavel with Carol at the rostrum. President Donahue later presented the WEVALLEY Girl with a replica of the Senate gavel as a memento of her visit.



NEW OFFICERS of North Andover Council, Telephone Pioneers of America, are shown here discussing plans for the forthcoming year. Left to right: Ted J. Dulemba, president; Grace M. Faraci, secretary, and Paul E. Hughes, vice president.

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## *Kaleidoscope*

### **In Hurricane's Wake, MVW Still Plays Role In Service Restoration**

Hurricane Camille's wrathful winds have blown their devastating course, but for MVW and other WE facilities the all-out effort to repair the havoc and restore service continues. MVW Merchandise has kept on the hop shipping desperately needed equipment to Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone, striving to clear up the situation in Virginia. Countless shop and office units at MVW have been involved since Killer Camille struck on August 17, raking the Mississippi Coast, then slamming north and east across Virginia.

MVW shipped N2 Carrier, N3 Carrier, Microwave, and associated equipment to the havoc area. To meet needs, some equipment was "cannibalized" to make other gear. Example: four 7-foot Microwave bays were used to build two 9-foot bays, specially designed to both receive and transmit signals.

### **On Short Interval Basis, MVW Rushed Equipment for Western White House**

President Nixon's Western White House at San Clemente, Calif., has a complex communications system in which MVW-made transmission equipment plays an important part. Meeting the requirements of such a big job added to the already heavy service demands on WE's various facilities. Normally a 15-week task, it was done in 5.

The President's communications web includes a Moscow "hot line," data and teletype facilities, special lines to the Autovon network, and lines with special security and pre-empt features, plus a back-up system for all communications and two switchboards.

A number of WE locations worked on the team supplying the required equipment. Working on the necessary short interval, MVW provided T1 Carrier, L Multiplex, N2 Carrier, and Wideband equipment. Some of this was in stock, but much was manufactured on an accelerated basis to meet the Presidential needs. All orders were on a rush basis, and all delivery dates were met.

### **Has Your Club Got a Program Problem?**

If you, or a friend, happen to be on the program committee of one of the many fraternal, civic, and social organizations in the Merrimack Valley area, you can assure the membership of an interesting and informative meeting simply by calling Dick DeVincentis on Ext. 3612. Dick is coordinator of the WE Speakers Bureau. Speakers who have completed a training program conducted by WE Hdq. personnel include: Bob Manning, 751; Joe Miett, 214; Dick Senter, 960; Walt Stiebitz, 21, and George Marotta, 1224. They are ready to speak on such topics as the future in communications, engineering in our society, the corporation in the community, transoceanic cables, and other subjects.