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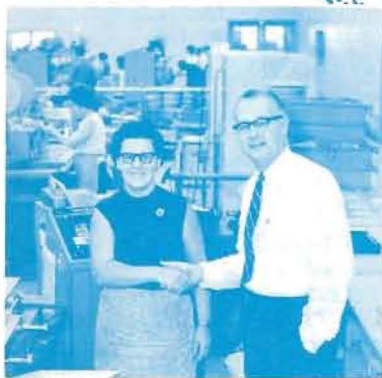
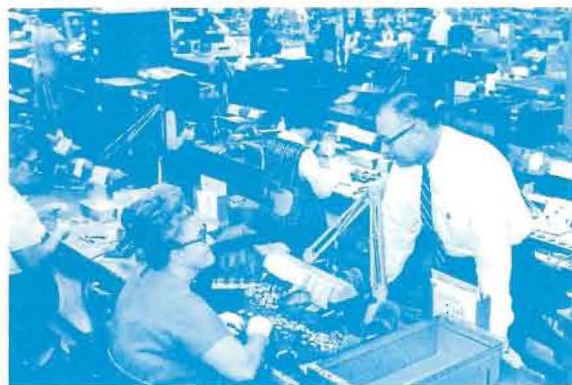
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In keeping with the spirit of the holiday season, I would like to tell you how happy I am to be with you at Merrimack Valley.

I have already had a number of pleasant associations with the wonderful people of this area, and I am looking forward to meeting you personally during the coming year. I hope each of you and your family will enjoy a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Dave Hillis

General Manager



Anniversaries



Alan A. Mahanke
30 Years



William B. Mueller
30 Years

Name Dept. Dec.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Kelsey, John A.	154	9
Talham, Charles G.	922	9
Sullivan, Charles H.	537	12
Meehan, James H.	564	13
Noyes, George W.	974	14
Jackson, Walter W.	494	19
Cote, Arthur J.	546	31

TWENTY YEARS

Baker, Norman H.	231	29
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FIFTEEN YEARS

Groleau, Alfred J.	1159	6
Lambert, Rudolph G.	543	9
Lamontagne, Rose S.	1158	11
LaProva, Margaret L.	960	18
Schena, Rose N.	960	18
Basque, M. Rita	960	19
Morin, Ellen S.	973	29

A SUGGESTION AWARD of \$945 was presented to Charles Riley (center) of Department 960-1 for his suggestion proposing a change in coil winding methods. The award was made by David L. Hilder, general manager, as section chief Jack J. Gurka (left) observed the presentation.



Engineer Visits Yugoslavia

A Merrimack Valley Works engineer visited Yugoslavia recently to take part in an industrial training program.

Larry Murphy, currently on loan to the Safeguard project, served as a panelist in a seminar held as part of an International Trades Fair at Zagreb. Fair officials were particularly interested in training methods used for newly hired shop employees such as bench hands assemblers, machine operators and inspectors. A request was made of the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of International Affairs, to put on a seminar covering such training methods.



Murphy, a senior engineer in Department 845 prior to his Safeguard assignment, had set up an audio-visual training program for new shop employees at the Works and had administered it for six years. When a Labor Department official contacted the Western Electric Corporate Education Center, he was referred to Merrimack Valley; William L. Voigt, Director of Manufacturing, suggested Murphy as a panel member.

He attended with two other panelists, Dr. Philip Klienberger of the Department of Labor and Mr. W. Van Dyck, Director of Training, Caterpillar Tractor Company. Following briefings at the Labor and State Departments in Washington, D.C. the trio embarked for Yugoslavia.

Two three-day seminars were held at the trades fair. Each session was attended by approximately eighty participants, with instantaneous translation provided by a professional interpreter. The success of these first two seminars resulted in a request that the panelists put on similar

programs at Belgrade and Sarajevo, where they were also well received.

Before returning to the United States, Murphy and his fellow panel members were escorted on a tour of the Yugoslavian countryside, during which they visited two of the country's training institutes as well as a manufacturing plant.

Retirements



Henry A. Schlothman



Edwin R. Booth

Henry A. Schlothman, an engineering associate in Department 1213, will retire from Western Electric on December 31, 1969. Mr. Schlothman, who resides at 3 Sutherland Street, Andover, has more than thirty years of Company Service.

Edwin R. Booth, 264 Jackson Street, Lawrence, will retire from Western Electric on December 31, 1969. Mr. Booth, who has more than sixteen years service with the Company, is a painter in Department 538.

Mrs. Helen N. LeBlanc, a layout operator in Department 925, will retire from Western Electric on December 31, 1969. Mrs. LeBlanc lives at 17 Abbot Street, Bradford, Mass. She has over twenty-seven years of Company service.

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Promotions

D. J. Hevehan, formerly Department Chief, Accounting Methods and Cost Bulletin, North Carolina Works, has been promoted, effective December 1, 1969, to Assistant Manager, Accounting, Electronics Data Processing and Methods - 306, replacing R. L. Davis.

J. M. Keohane, formerly Department Chief, Reproduction and Physical, Chemical and Mechanical Laboratory Services, has been promoted to Assistant Manager at 222 Broadway. He is serving as College Relations Manager, Middle Atlantic Area.

R. S. Wilson, formerly Department Chief Engineering, L5 Project Engineering, Video, Telemetry, Misc. Carrier Product and Test Engineering and Development, was promoted November 1, to Assistant Manager, Picturephone Test Set and Model Shop, Indianapolis Works.

D. A. Schrifgiesser, Planning Engineer, Department 134, was promoted to Department Chief, Special Projects, Customer Planning Division, 222 Broadway, effective December 1, 1969.

R. W. Strauss, formerly Assistant Buyer 621-2, has been promoted to Buyer in the Purchasing Department. He has had concurrent buying authority with R. Mehlhouse since December 1, 1969. Mr. Mehlhouse will be laterally assigned to AT&T Long Lines Division, White Plains, New York as District Plant Supervisor, effective January 1, 1970.

D. P. Farley, Senior Engineer - 143, became Department Chief, Development Engineering, on November 17.

R. E. DeMatteo, Senior Engineer, Engineering Personnel Relations, became

A Safe Turkey And A Bevy Of Exotic Birds

By Bob Richardson

Peacocks, Manchurian Pheasant, Wild Turkey and all manner of exotic birds are commonplace to Virginia Crandall, department 925-2. She and her husband John breed and raise them in the backyard of their Seabrook, N.H., home.

Virginia loves to sit on the bank of the pond and watch the Black Australian Swans, the Egyptian Geese and the European Red Headed Ducks dive for food.

This hobby started about two and a half years ago, when Virginia and John visited a man who sold many different breeds of exotic fowl. They bought a pair of Golden Pheasant, and John, a carpenter by trade, built a cage for them. They so enjoyed having the birds that they went right back and bought a pair of Ring Necked Pheasant.

Since then, Virginia and John have bred and bought so many birds that they were able to sell about 500 young ones during the summer. The New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game awarded the Crandalls a license to breed protected stock.

Most of the birds are free to roam or fly freely, but they are so well fed and cared for here, that they just stay. The Canadian Geese have one wing clipped so that they can only fly around in circles; otherwise they might migrate with the flocks.

The Peacocks the Polish Silkies, the Guinea Hens and some of the rarer birds are kept in large aviaries. The garage houses incubators and cages for birds that need warmth. A muster of young peafowl and a nide of young pheasant are currently quartered there.

The birds that have the free run of the yard include Egyptian Geese, Eben Geese, and common domestic geese. They all live up to the name Silly Goose, for when



Virginia Crandall talks turkey to Tom, the protected bird. The wild turkey can be distinguished from the Christmas table variety by the feather brush under the neck.

John took a fence away to give them a bigger range, it took more than two weeks before the geese would move over the line where the fence had been.

The clown of the outfit is a wild Tom turkey. It acts as a watchdog and gobbles furiously when its domain is invaded. Its gobble is worse than its bite, though, for it has never harmed anyone. Tom struts across the road at six o'clock every morning to a restaurant for a hand-out of donuts from the truck drivers.

Some of the hazards of a bird farm are weasels, raccoon, and skunks. Any of these could wipe out the farm in a few hours. One unlucky weasel, conked with a cob of wood thrown by John, is now at the taxidermist's shop.

Anyone wishing to see the birds is welcome, says Virginia. The house is across from Tony's Restaurant on Lafayette Road in Seabrook, N.H.

Department Chief, Engineering - 136, effective November 17.

A. F. D'Arcangelo, Layout Operator, 1151-3 became Section Chief-1144-6T, on November 24.

J. V. Mundy, Jr., Engineering Associate - 845, became Section Chief 1140-9N, effective November 24.

V. R. Schena, Test Layout Operator-1169-4, became Section Chief-1144-9N, on November 24.

In Memoriam

Michael F. Connors, Department 974-15, died on November 22, 1969.

Mrs. Amy D. Dube, Department 1140-2, died on November 25, 1969.

Charles V. DiStefano, Department 547-8, died on December 7, 1969.



**A MESSAGE
FROM OUR
VICE PRESIDENT**

Many of you have read that American Telephone & Telegraph Co. has filed with the FCC \$150 million in rate reduction to become effective January 1, featuring major savings to residents and business customers who dial their own out-of-state long-distance calls.

This rate reduction is the largest in

Bell System history, and reflects advances in technology that have steadily reduced the costs of long-distance transmission.

Employees of Western Electric and in particular, employees of the Transmission Equipment Division should feel extremely proud of being a part of the technological and manufacturing team which has made this reduction possible.

Vice President
Manufacturing Transmission Equipment



Kaleidoscope

**Bell System
Aids
Moonshot II**

Over 600 Bell System circuits spanning half a million miles helped guide astronauts of Apollo 12 to moon in November . . .

Entire Bell System network was on full alert status, known as condition blue . . . Bell System circuits were also used as main paths of color telecasts from Apollo 12 and moon . . .

**New Center
For Increased
Overseas Calls**

AT&T company to start new overseas operating center in Denver area by mid '72 . . . Cost 3½ million dollars . . . Reason - rapid increase in intercontinental calls . . . 15 million last year, 140 million expected 1980 . . .

**Lee Marvin
To Host
Long Lines Special**

Long Lines signed Lee Marvin to host TV special "It Couldn't Be Done." Show to spotlight "impossible" feats of U.S. skill . . . Scheduled for April 2, 7:30 p.m. on NBC . . .

**TV Commercial
Awards
For WE**

Two WE TV commercials received awards at International Film and TV Festival of N.Y. . . . Gold medal to "Laser Beam" photographed at four WE locations and Bell Labs in Holmdel, N.J. . . . Silver medal to "Microworld" showing WE's role in producing tiny integrated circuitry . . .

**MVW Cost Reduction
Tops**

MVW engineers won 1968 company-wide cost reduction race . . . Savings - in excess of \$5 million . . .

**U.S.-Russia
Cable Circuit
Opened**

AT&T's Long Lines Division opened a direct cable circuit this month between U.S. and Russia . . . starting a three-month experiment aimed at improving service between the two countries, it's expected to boost by half the present 20-to-30 calls per average business day.