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ALL
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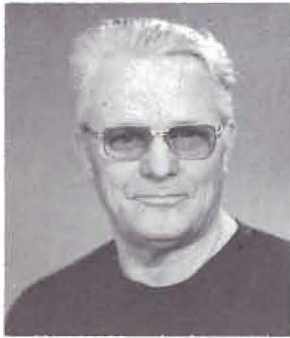
Pioneers Distribute 7,500 Trees As Hobby Show Draws 8,000 Guests

Director Cliff Kimmerle digs in to plant the first of 7,500 seedlings given to visitors at the Pioneer Hobby Show earlier this month. Cliff; incoming Chapter President Madeline Woodman; and Walter Kraushaar, Bell Labs, gave the tiny Scotch Pine a home just outside the manufacturing building on the Lawrence side of the plant. Walter procured 4,000 Scotch pines, 2,500 Colorado blue spruce, and 1,000 Mugho pines for the giveaway as part of the Pioneers' ecology program.

The hobby show itself drew an estimated 8,000 guests in three days to the Works auditorium and private dining room, where "Dutch" girls and tulips welcomed everyone to springtime in Holland as well as an exhibition of 165 people's hobbies. For pictures, see pages 6-7.



Retirements



Robert J. Harris, a Machine and Equipment Mechanic in the Machine and Plant Maintenance Department, will retire on June 24. Mr. Harris lives on Pinedale Avenue in Methuen and has been with Western Electric for over 21 years.



Phyllis H. Savoie of Amesbury Road in Haverhill will retire on June 30. Mrs. Savoie, who has over 18 years of company service, is a Tester in the Small Toroidal Coil and Filter Department.



Douglas H. Tompkins will retire on June 30 after 17 years with Western Electric. Mr. Tompkins is a Planning Engineer in the Deposited Carbon Resistor, High Frequency Coil and Transformer Filter Equalizer and Network Engineering Department and has moved to Silver Ridge Road in Phelan, California.

In Memoriam

Elinor K. White, Ferrite Spool Coil Department, April 27, 1974.

Jane C. DeLeo, D2 Carrier Systems and Channel Units Department, May 9, 1974.

Sylvia T. Woolf, D2 and T2/M12 IARDT and DDS Panels and Bays A & W Inspection and Test Department, May 11, 1974.

David B. Whittemore will retire on June 21 after 22 years of company service. Mr. Whittemore is a Machine Operator Tradesman in the Tool Construction and Maintenance Department and lives on Lowell Road in Salem, N.H. (Picture not available)

Even Though You May Get "Rooked" You Won't Have To Pawn Anything To Play

Well, enough of the bad chess jokes -- if chess is a part of your thing, you're invited to play in a nationwide tournament. It's the 28th annual round of the Bell System Postal Chess Tournament.

Played by mail, the tournament offers all the challenge of across-the-board play with the added pleasure of making new friends across the country. Some 1,600 Bell System people are currently participating -- men and women, retired and active, novice and expert.

Entrants should have a knowledge of chess rules, the ability to read chess notation, and the interest and time to keep seven or eight games going at one time.

There is no entry fee. To obtain an application form, send a self-home-addressed stamped envelope to the Chess Tournament Director, 195 Broadway, Room 1338, New York, New York, 10007, before July 5. Completed applications must be submitted by July 15.

Players from the different Bell companies are grouped into sections of relatively the same skill. Each player in a section plays all other members of that section simultaneously, about eight games at once, and a certificate is awarded to the winner of each section.

Come to the
Pre-Vacation Dinner Dance
at the
Hampton Beach Casino
Saturday, June 8, 7:00 p.m.

Roast Beef Dinner
Dancing from 8 to 12
Ted Herbert's Twelve Piece Orchestra
\$9.00 per person
Sponsored by the Wevalley Club and the
Pioneers - Tickets at the Club office.

Promotions

On May 15:

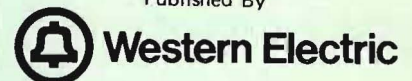
Ellen B. Lahlum, Staff Associate, was promoted to Section Chief, Toroidal Transformer Winding and Final Test, 89474.

Robert F. Kearns, Staff Associate, became Section Chief, Filter Assembly Section, 89497.

A point system is used so that players may progress to a higher rated section in subsequent annual rounds. The winner of the top section, known as the championship section, is declared the Bell System Champion.

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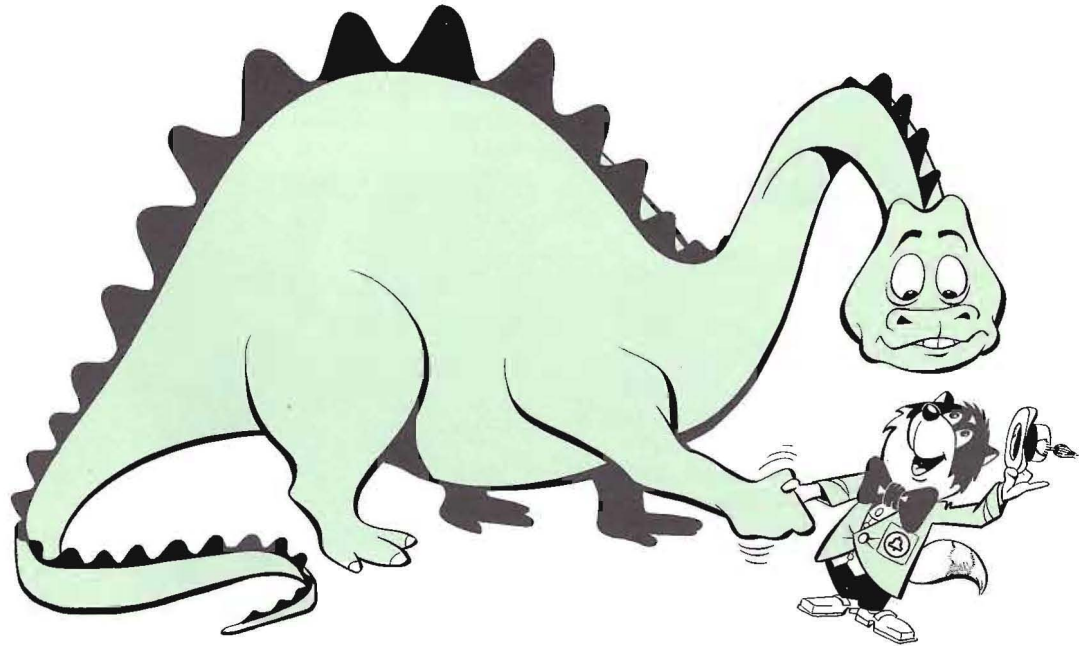


Erasmus B. Dragon Visits Equipment Shops

Early one Monday morning the people in the Equipment shops arrived to find hundreds of footprints left behind by an unusual visitor. But while the presence of the orange and black tracks, marked EQUIPMENT SHOPS RECYCLE-AUTHENTIC DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT, came as a surprise, it was no mystery. The Equipment shops have their own dinosaur.

Nicknamed Erasmus, he is a rather small brontosaurus. The brontosaurus grows (grew?) to about 70 feet in length. But alas, being a vegetarian, Erasmus has chosen to stunt his own growth. He's only the size of a medium-sized steamshovel.

Normally a brontosaurus like Erasmus will gobble a small grove of trees for brunch, and a forest for supper. But Erasmus has stopped eating - because he's afraid that trees will become extinct. As you might well imagine, the idea of things becoming extinct hits a sensitive spot in a dinosaur's mind. And that's why he's visiting the Equipment shops, leaving behind reminders that while the recycling program is



It had to happen! There's another critter running around the Works-and this one's about two million years old and leaves recycling footprints wherever he goes.

Williebell greets Erasmus as the two of them remind everyone that there's an extra ton of paper that can be saved here every day.

doing well, it can still improve. Erasmus estimates that as many as 32 billion barrels of oil could be saved each year if the United States doubled its use of recycled paper. It often takes less energy

to refurbish the old than to make things new. And, come to think of it, a dinosaur might be sensitive about oil too, considering that we may be burning up what's left of his 100 octane, fossil fuel relatives.



ARCHEOLOGICAL PAIR ENGAGES IN SKULLDUGGERY.

Joe Coskren, T-1 Repeaters, and Walter Dorr, T-1 System Terminals and Networks, leave a few after-hours reminders behind from E.B. Dragon's paper recycling campaign.

BUS PLAN RETIRED AS IDEA GOES FLAT

It looks like there won't be bus service for people who commute to the Works from Greater Haverhill.

Two months ago, Public Relations surveyed everyone on the first shift to see how many people were interested in having commuter bus transportation to and from the Works. About 75 percent of the over 4,000 people surveyed returned completed forms.

Based on the results of that survey, we plotted three bus routes through Greater Haverhill, based on the addresses of the 150 people who had shown an interest in public transportation. Working closely with Bos-Com, a Haverhill based charter-commuter bus company, we offered bus service on a tickets-in-advance basis. Unfortunately, not one route was supported by enough people to reach the break-even point. As a result, there will be no public transportation service available to Greater Haverhill residents who work here at Merrimack Valley -- for now, at least.

We are, however, still examining the possibility of bus service to and from Greater Lawrence and will be meeting with another local bus company in the very near future.

Get it all together in the Bond Drive-June 3-14

UNCLE SAM WANTS YOUR MONEY!

So what else is new. He takes enough every week.

BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT. . . HE WANTS TO BORROW IT AND PAY IT BACK WITH INTEREST. . . 6% INTEREST

During the next two weeks nearly 700 volunteer canvassers will be asking everyone in the Works if he or she would like to loan money to Uncle Sam, by buying United States Savings Bonds through the payroll deduction program.

Right, it's the annual bond drive, complete with posters, a Dixieland Band, and a little hoopla to get people's attention. But that's all it is -- something to get your attention, so that you'll listen to what the canvasser, probably someone who works right beside you, has to say about savings bonds and the payroll savings plan.

SECURITY IN SAVINGS

Most people know a lot about savings bonds. For example, how they are one of the most secure investments in the world. But do you know how secure? The principal and interest is guaranteed by the Federal government which will replace, without charge, savings bonds that are lost, destroyed, or stolen. In fact the Treasury has replaced well over \$2 million in missing bonds to their owners, without charge.

HIGHER INTEREST

But what about that guaranteed interest? For many people it will come as a surprise that U.S. Savings Bonds (Series E) now pay 6% interest upon maturity, and bonds mature faster than ever now.

\$250 INTEREST ON \$750

The most dramatic example is the \$1,000 bond, the largest denomination. It costs the purchaser \$750, and in 5 years when the bond matures, it pays the face value upon redemption. That means \$250 in interest. And you don't have to buy a thousand dollar bond to get that kind of interest. Series E bonds come in six other denominations: \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, and \$500. And the interest that these bonds earn is exempt from state and local taxes, making the true return on a bond even higher.

TAX BREAKS IN SAVINGS

In addition, if you are considering buying bonds for a child's education or for your own retirement, you can save on the Federal income tax on bonds by taking advantage of incentives built into the tax laws.



THIS MAN IS LOOKING FOR YOUR MONEY. . . watch for Uncle Sam (Ray Nadeau) and the Dixieland Bond Band in the cafeterias next week.

For example, bonds for a college fund can be placed in your child's name, and an annual tax return filed in that child's name. The return lists the accrued interest as his or her income, which will usually fall well below the personal exemption, making the interest earned toward his or her education tax free.

For retirement, you can cut down the impact of taxes by deferring any report of income earned through savings bond interest until you are retired and in a lower tax bracket, and if over age 65,

with a double exemption. And if retirement is too far away, you can also trade in your E bonds for H bonds which will pay interest for an additional 10 years, without reporting any gains in interest until the bonds are finally redeemed.

In either case, the canvasser can further describe how you can increase the real yield of the new 6% interest rate when you plan your savings with a real goal.

GET IT ALL TOGETHER

Art Hatcher heads this year's Merrimack Valley Works Bond Drive, which takes Western Electric's national theme, "Get it all together with U.S. Savings Bonds."

The drive goals for this year are simple: to get half the people who work here that don't buy bonds to do so, and to have half the people who already do, increase the amount that they are saving through payroll deductions. Payroll deductions? That's right, saving the easy way, by authorizing the Payroll Department to put aside a little out of every paycheck towards automatically buying bonds. How does the money add up when you save this way? There's a table on this page that should give you some idea.

Are there any other advantages to buying U.S. Savings Bonds? Certainly -- a bundle of emotional benefits come from regularly buying savings bonds. No one will ever deny the patriotism and loyalty of investing in America, nor the wisdom of the investment, for as the country's destiny moves, so does our own.

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If you save this much each week:	You have this much at the end of:			
	1 yr.	3 yrs.	5 yrs.	15 yrs.
\$ 1.25	\$ 66	\$ 207	\$ 364	\$ 1,538
2.50	131	414	729	3,088
3.75	198	622	1,096	4,641
5.00	263	831	1,462	6,190
6.25	329	1,038	1,828	7,742
7.50	395	1,246	2,194	9,292
12.50	659	2,077	3,659	15,496
18.75	988	3,117	5,492	23,258

If you save this much each month:	You have this much at the end of:			
	1 yr.	3 yrs.	5 yrs.	15 yrs.
\$ 3.75	\$ 45	\$ 143	\$ 251	\$ 1,059
6.25	76	239	420	1,774
7.50	91	286	504	2,129
12.50	151	477	840	3,548
18.75	228	719	1,266	5,349
25.00	304	957	1,686	7,123
37.50	456	1,438	2,532	10,699
56.25	684	2,156	3,799	16,048
75.00	912	2,875	5,065	21,397

Anniversaries

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Name	Dept.	June
Charles W. Ryder	21720	28

THIRTY YEARS

Richard Kelly	89670	4
Alba R. Bocuzzo	81810	11
Charlotte L. Keamy	81580	14
John H. Garaventa	12370	15
Peter P. DiMaggio	14160	20
John Dulgarian	12210	23
Thomas E. Ingham	14160	23
Alfred Candini	89610	24
Joseph L. Leonardi	14150	26
William N. Rival	81840	28

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

William G. Noonan	03650	2
Natalie Williams	89660	4
Ethel C. Milbury	89470	25

TWENTY YEARS

Gerard A. Cote	81430	1
Robert B. Kennedy	81840	2
Helen F. Clarke	89330	4
Phillip R. Goyette	81840	7
John M. Melia	14180	9
Frederick F. Walton	81410	9
Juliet H. Levesque	81620	12
Helen K. Saab	89370	15
Joseph G. Garbacz	89440	16
Joseph P. Dussault	81740	25
Rosemarie A. Lahage	89670	26

FIFTEEN YEARS

Richard A. Chavers	27230	1
John R. Bucuzzo	21520	4
Roger R. Becotte	14180	7
Helen M. Fornea	81540	7
Aura F. Gillis	81820	8

CAVERNOUS? Well, not quite. But the new Works emergency vehicle has a lot more room for equipment and people than the station wagon ambulance it replaces. Guards Bob Ratcliffe (left) and Leo L'Ecuyer show the inside of the van, after which Bob takes a long look at the outside of the vehicle.



Name	Dept.	June
John D. Jennings	27540	8
Wilbur L. Ketchum	12250	8
Charles R. Marino	21950	8
Gerald F. Creeden	89330	9
Ernest S. Packard	12340	10
Bruce W. Mansell	80420	13
Joseph Habib	21490	15
James E. Raney	21320	15
Clifford A. Wallace	12370	15
Russell D. Wooster	21470	15
Thomas J. Daley	27120	16
Winfield E. Rowell	02140	16
Charlotte B. Jefts	89320	19
Wiley M. Baldwin	27140	22
George W. Colby, Jr.	21310	22
Thomas R. Drabbs	21920	22
Robert D. Gerardi	21350	22
Arlyn R. Leach	21540	22
Edward Sewasky	21940	22
Robert M. Webber, III	12260	22
Rosalie M. Grelle	81630	23

Name	Dept.	June
Bradford W. Fraize	89370	24
Anna G. DiZazzo	89350	26
Thomas H. Clarkson	14570	28
Archille Bakios	89450	29
Richard W. Sanders	21470	29
Ronald L. Hilchey	89440	30

UNCLE SAM —

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WHY DOES UNCLE SAM SELL BONDS?

As for Uncle Sam wanting your money, actually he asks for a loan so that taxes can be kept down, by owing interest to the people themselves rather than exclusively to lending institutions.

This year's MVW Bond Drive Committee includes Bill Winship, Charmaine Doucet, and Norm Clark from Safety; Anna O'Connor representing Local 1365, C.W.A.; Don Smith, Facilities Planning and Manufacturing Systems Development; Chuck Burnett and John Morgan, Payroll; Bernie Mooers, Public Relations; and John deButts, Chairman of the Board, AT&T.

John deButts? Well, maybe not here in person, but he is the U.S. Savings Bond National Industrial Chairman for 1974. It looks like the committee is in good hands.

4161 is where you hear it all - from corned beef hash to international conflict - Newline - three times a day.



Tabletop railroading gets attention from Jim Hanson, Deposited Carbon Resistor Engineering; Al Brunell, Machine Design and Procurement Engineering; and Bruce Robinson, Plant and Factory Engineering.

SPRINGTIME



PIONEER HOBBY SHOW

Jim Ward, Pat Picard, and Dave Manufacturing, pause by the flower garden year's Pioneer Hobby Show.



It's Christmas in May as Rita Hanna and Edna Sierpina, L-4 Repeaters, visit the holiday hobbies exhibit.



Exhibit allegedly prepared by a Miss B. Ross.

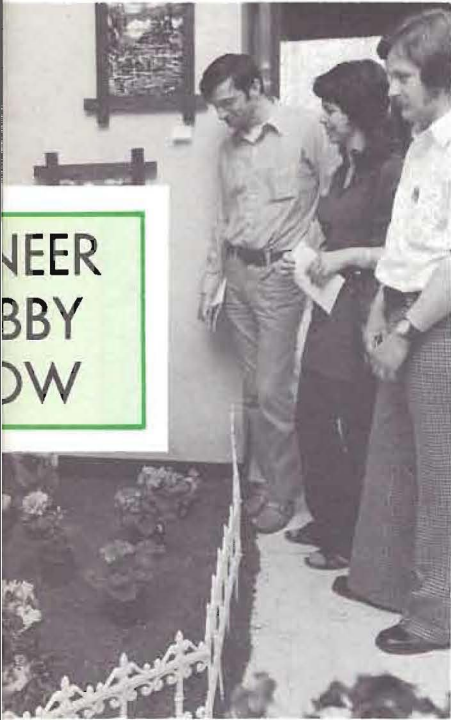


Harry Harriman, Duolateral Coil Department, explains pieces of his collection of old radios, phonographs, and electronic gear to (from left) Dave Best, Hybrid Integrated Circuit Air Crossover Engineering; Al Fuehrer, Transmission Products Special Design; and Dave Eycleshymer, Interconnecting Device Process Development.



Bettie Moore, Drafting Services Nancy Beeley, Duolateral Coil Department examine an exhibit of early American colonial style paintings and carvings.

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(from left) Joe Bella, Al Comeau, and Joe Perreault, all of the Special Projects Mechanical Laboratory, examine a display of holiday style centerpieces and decorations.



Little Dutch girl Mae Judge, Industrial Engineering and Wage Practices - one of the Pioneer hostesses.



Leo Kennedy, President of the Pioneers' Life Member Club.



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Plants and paintings attracted Shirley Parham, New Design Equipment Indices Comcode and Special Projects; Irene Farrar, Vouchering; and Pat Colburn, Special Task Forces Road Shows.

Irene Pitera (left), D3 Carrier Channel and Common Unit Manufacturing, and Edie Mills, Ferrite Spool Coils, show Manager Harry Turner and Director Baker Clotworthy the exhibition.



Free advice of the month department:

Don't Ever Ask A Safety Advisor For His Job Description

Why not? Because he, or she, might ask you to lift it. And when it's all put together it can run well over three hundred forty thousand words.

The five MVW safety advisors work directly with the people of Merrimack Valley and their organizations to keep this plant the safest possible place to make a living. Hopefully they are helping every supervisor and his people maintain a work area that meets everything implied by the motto "No job is so important, and no service so urgent - that we cannot take the time to perform our work safely." It's selling an attitude - a way of working, and for some people a way of life.

But why the long job description? Actually, because part of their work is defined as making certain that the Works meets O.S.H.A. standards. That's where the 340,000 words come in.

O.S.H.A. is the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and it is enforced by the Department of Labor. At any time the Works is subject to surprise visits by O.S.H.A. inspectors who can spend hours or days auditing the Works' compliance with the standards set up under the Act.



Gus Piazza changes lenses and frames in the Safety Eyeglass Store, near the C-6 Storeroom on the second floor of the manufacturing building.

The O.S.H.A. standards are contained in 250 pages of fine print, entered in the Federal Register in 1972. And they regulate nearly everything imaginable regarding safety and business; from sugar and spice pulverizers (p. 22325) to the operation of temporary labor camps (p. 22235). While these two examples do not affect anyone at Merrimack Valley, most of the regulations do. Environmental control, hazardous materials, personal protective equipment, machine guards, compressed gas, hand tools, and dozens of other subjects are explicitly covered under the regulations, and non-compliance with any of the regulations can result in fines levied on the company.

The new Federal safety rules set standards higher than any previously known in industry. Even the Bell System, with its decades-old safety credo, company-wide safety auditing and enforcement system, and impressive collection of rigidly applied, self-imposed standards, originally fell short of O.S.H.A. requirements.



Safety Advisors Frank Curtin and Charmaine Doucet check the guards which O.S.H.A. requires on stamping machines.

That's one reason why the Safety Organization has changed. Once attached to the Medical Organization, it has relocated in the Environmental Control and Safety Engineering Department, and the section has grown from two to five advisors. In an all-out campaign to increase the amount of time the advisors could spend working with each shop one of the first things they did was to get out of the shoe business. Running a safety shoe store used to take up to 60 man-hours a week. Now a contractor handles the shoe sales, and the advisors can spend more time working with people.

And what do they do with people? Well, it's each supervisor's responsibility, which he or she shares with his group, to run a job as safely as possible—and the Safety Department serves as a resource which people can use to do so. That's one item that all the advisors, Norm Clark, Charmaine Doucet, Charlie Clark, Frank Curtin, and Gus Piazza, are quite definite about. Their job is to help people to work safely—not force them. They offer programs like Huddle for Injury Prevention to develop safety consciousness a section at a time, Safety Instant Replay to apply the familiarity of television analysis to work hazards, special training programs for people whose occupations bring them in contact with specific hazards, and Summons on Safety, a system of work area inspections similar to the type an enforcement agent would conduct.

In order to correct safety hazards or immediately rectify violations, the safety advisors also depend upon safety suggestions made through the Suggestion Award Program, and through Safety Hot Line where people can dial ext. 3011 and record a message reporting safety hazards 24 hours a day.

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Pound steak very thin. Soak the bread in the water for 10 minutes, drain and mash smooth. Combine with the livers, onions, celery, parsley, cheese, ham, egg, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper and 1/4 teaspoon oregano. Spread on the steak; roll up and tie with string. Heat the oil in a Dutch oven or heavy deep skillet; brown the roll in it. Sprinkle with the remaining salt, pepper and oregano; add the water. Cover and cook over low heat for 2 hours or until tender. Serve warm (meat should stand at room temperature 20 minutes for easier slicing) or cold.

Serves: 4-6.

Gatti's Galley:

stuffed beef roll

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| 1 Flank Steak | 1/4 lb. of cooked ham, cut Julienne |
| 2 slices of white bread | 1 egg, beaten |
| 1/2 cup of water | 2 1/2 teaspoons of salt |
| 1/4 lb. of diced chicken livers | 3/4 teaspoon of freshly ground black pepper |
| 3/4 cup of chopped onions | 3/4 teaspoon of oregano |
| 1/4 cup of chopped celery | 3 tablespoons of olive oil |
| 1/4 cup of minced parsley | 2 cups of water |
| 1/4 cup of grated parmesan cheese | |

SAFETY ADVISORS — from page 8

Each safety advisor serves a specified area of the Works, and is available for consultation on any safety problems. But even with the problems of meeting on-the-job requirements the Safety Organization is still involved in promoting round the clock safety habits and offers promotions and services to help make everyone here more safety conscious at home, at play, and on the road. Recently they have offered smoke detectors, home fire extinguishers, and escape ladders to all employees, at cost.

Another service is a boat inspection for all employees which will be sponsored by the Safety Organization on Saturday, June 22, in the north parking lot. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct the inspections from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., free of charge. Boats that do not pass inspection will not be reported to any authority, however, the owner will be apprised of all the safety deficiencies the Coastguardsmen find.

NEW ENGLAND TEL REDUCES DIRECTORIES 10%

Merrimack Valley isn't the only Bell System unit saving paper.

New England Telephone has already started in a systemwide paper saving program to cut the number of telephone books printed this year by 10 to 15 percent. The company has been distributing only one directory to each residence customer since February. Previously the number of directories delivered was based on the number of telephones in a given residence. But many customers had already requested that distribution be cut down, and studies from Bell companies had indicated that most customers feel that more than one directory in a house is wasteful.

Customers who want or need additional directories will have no trouble getting them, however, says a NET spokesman. All they have to do is phone the telephone business office or call the number printed on an order card that comes with each new directory.

In all, the Bell System expects to print 19 million fewer directories this year -- saving 20,000 tons of paper.

Just A Reminder—

If something's bothering you - call your Congressman.

Leave a message for Paul Cronin or Mike Harrington on Congressional Tape Talk.

ext. 4455



Charlie Clark (left) and Norm Clark (no relation even though one calls the other Dad) inspect a ferrite press.

If You Work

in the Lawrence Plant, Ferrite Powder building, or on the north end of the first floor of building 30.

Your Safety Advisor Is

Norman Clark — x3898

on the outside grounds, in the south end of the first floor in building 30, or the lower level of building 70.

Charlie Clark — x3082

in the north end of the second floor of building 30.

Charmaine Doucet — x2413

in the south end of the second floor, building 30, or the crystal cutting shop in building 34.

Frank Curtin — x3082

in the office building

Gus Piazza — x2413

Gus Piazza also handles safety glasses in the Medical Department.

Monday 8 - 8:30 a.m. -- 4 - 4:30 p.m.

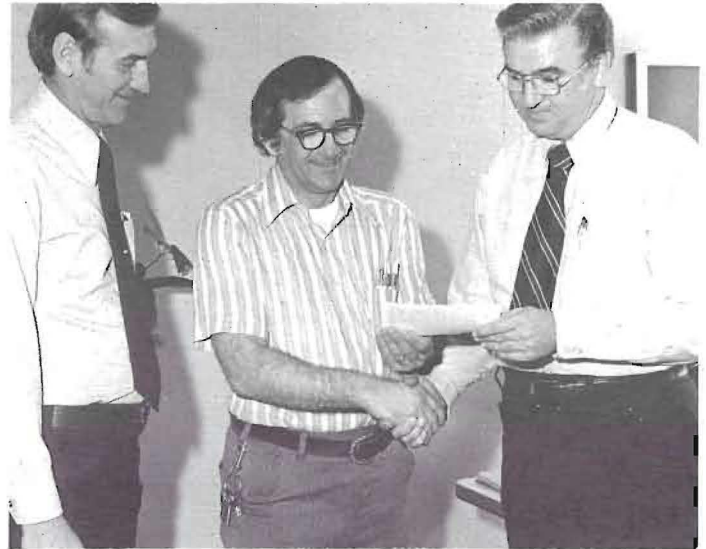
Wednesday 8 - 9:30 a.m. -- 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Friday 8 - 9:00 a.m. -- 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Two Suggestion Awards Add Up To \$1720



(left) Joe Dobrowolski, Machine and Plant Maintenance Department, received a \$900 suggestion award, presented by Manager Elmer Lenk, for an idea to redesign the drive system on a group of nine presses.



(right) Frank DePanfilis, Monolithic Crystal Filters, accepts an \$820 suggestion award from Manager Harry Youngman, while his supervisor, Al Shattler, looks on. Frank's suggestion increased the thickness of some crystal plates which led to a faster and easier measuring process.

POULIOT RECEIVES SCOUTING'S HIGHEST ADULT AWARD

Gene Pouliot, Tool Construction and Maintenance, takes scouting seriously. And after 23 years as a scout leader in the Chain Bridge District, which comprises about 20 local troops, Gene was honored this month with the highest award the Boy Scouts can give an adult leader -- the Silver Beaver.

Like hundreds of thousands of men, Gene enjoyed being a scout when he was a boy. Later, after he was discharged from the service, one of his old scout friends, now a scoutmaster, invited Gene to become an adult leader, and the two men are still together. Since then Gene has held scout leader assignments at both the local troop and the district levels. In fact, he now holds three district assignments, including sitting on the board of review for Eagle Scouts, "except for when my own kids were up before the board," he laughs. Gene's three sons are all Eagle Scouts.

How important is scouting? As a scout leader, Gene offers a biased view, until he starts telling how his oldest son, Ronald, just received a four year



Gene Pouliot displays the Silver Beaver on a ribbon around his neck; a part of the scout leader's uniform, the award is usually worn only at formal scouting ceremonies.

R.O.T.C. college scholarship. One of the major determinants outside of school-work and physical condition was Ron's record of achievement as a boy scout.

Over \$1/3 Million Paid To Suggestors

Western Electric has announced that last year it received 15 suggestions through the employee suggestion system for every 100 employees. The total was over 29,000 suggestions, of which twenty-six percent were adopted, paying \$392,457 to W.E. employees.

Over 72 percent of the suggestions came from the Manufacturing Division.

Does this sound like a men only story? Not quite: for some years Gene's wife was busy as a Girl Scout Leader.

**Did
You
Know
That??**

There is absolutely no difference in benefits, provided under Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage, between a family, individual or sponsored membership.

BROTHERS CELEBRATE 60 YEARS TOGETHER



Russ Palmer, (left) Miscellaneous Apparatus, and his brother, Carl, Small Toroidal Coil and Filters, both started work in the old Haverhill Shops on the same day in 1944. On May 16 the two of them, both Layout Operators, celebrated 30 years of service apiece. No, they're not twins — one is ten months older, but we're not telling which.

VALLEY CHORUS SET FOR CROTCHED MT.

The Valley Chorus, which last week performed in a series of in-plant concerts, will travel to the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Greenfield, N.H., on June 11.

Offering the patients a program of music from Sesame Street's "Sing a Song" to selections from "Camelot," the group also plans a collection of instrumental and specialty numbers, including a sing-along led in sign language for deaf children.

Appropriately, Walter Norris, the chorus director, has chosen to include the Center's theme in his program — "You'll Never Walk Alone."

10 PIN/CANDLEPIN CHAMPS



Two weeks ago Dom Pallaria, Chairman of the Wevalley Club's Central Committee, presented awards to the 1974 MVW Ladies' Candlepin champions, all of whom are from the Ferrite Spool Coil Department. From left: Mary Greenwood, Eva Janvrin, Dom, Carol Wile, Rose Easter, and Mary Ann Chagnon.



"The over-the-hill gang finally wins" is how one member of the 1974 Men's Ten Pin Champs described the situation as Assistant Manager Emil Tanana presented the trophies. From left: Al Skusevich, Apparatus and Material Stores; Skip Routhier, Multiple Wound and Spool Coils; Emil; Russ Arsenault, Machine and Plant Maintenance; George Mooshian, T-1 System Terminals and Networks; and Leo Myers, Packing, Shipping, and Warehousing.



Manager Don Jacobsen congratulates the Works Ladies' Champion Ten Pin Bowlers. From left: Tina Sweeney, L-4 Repeaters; Joyce Taylor, Accounting Systems Development; Don; Dot DiPietro, D1, D3 Integrated Bays; Clemie Pritts, N2, N3 Integrated Packaged Bays; and Reina Gelineau, Accounting Systems Development.

Kaleidoscope

Rolligon? Isn't that what the Caissons keep doing?

AT&T Long Lines is using a ROLLIGON. . .it's the kind of vehicle to which John Cameron Swayze might strap a wristwatch. . .3,400 pounds, it can roll through swamps or churn its way across ponds, and its extra large tires are so soft they can roll over a tonic bottle without breaking it.

\$10 Billion Budget

This year the Bell System will spend slightly less than \$10 billion for construction projects. . .locally, New England Telephone has budgeted \$530 million for construction in 1974.

Installer gets shook over Munching Rodent

One sunny, cheerful, Ohio afternoon while a Bell installer was blissfully working on a pole he was distracted by the sounds of furious munching. . .no, it wasn't his buddy eating corn chips, but one of Ma Bell's most deadly enemies. . .a wild, cable-eating squirrel. . .this one had just begun making a quick snack of the cable suspended from the pole where the installer was working.

Since moisture in the cable can cause noise during customer conversations, the installer figured the best policy was to get rid of the buck-toothed pest as soon as possible. . .and began shaking the line. But the hungry little rodent held on, sometimes by just one leg at a time, never seeking the shelter of a nearby tree. . .until the installer stopped, as below him a broom-wielding, squirrel-loving lady yelled up, "How would you like it, young man, if I came over there and tried to shake *you* off the telephone pole!"

Runs Wire refusing to skirt around Wardrobe

And here's another installer's tale from the same neck of the woods. . .

One of his jobs one day was to run a wire from a second floor apartment to the basement. . .not being able to gain access to the apartment on the first floor, he drilled a tiny hole in the wall where the second floor customer wanted her phone. After feeding the wire into the hole he went to the basement. . .drilled up. . .and gently probed with a coathanger until he felt the wire and pulled it down. He completed the order and made sure the phone was working. . .then left.

Later. . .Telephone Repair Service received a call from the first floor tenant. . .it seems she discovered a telephone wire stretched from the ceiling to the floor of her bedroom closet. "There doesn't seem to be any damage," she said "but it's running right through the dress I had planned to wear out tonight and I can't get it out of the closet."

A repairman quickly responded to the scene where he soon reported the closet case as clothesed.

Phone Shot out of the Cradle but comes up Dialing

It takes more than a bullet to kill a telephone. . .much to the regret of an Oklahoma burglar. The thief had taken a pot shot at a store watchman. . .the bullet clipped the watchman's shoulder and plowed into the telephone. . .as the burglar made his escape the wounded watchman struggled to the also wounded phone, found it was working, and dialed the police. . .they later captured the burglar.

The telephone was disconnected and returned to Western Electric for repairs.

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