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Works' trio reels in 1,080-pound Mako shark

Three Works' employees who claim to always have their eyes on world-record sharks, found just that Sunday, Aug. 26.

Fishing off Montauk, L.I., Jim Melanson, 25, 3 Wyoming Ave., Haverhill, caught a 1,080-pound shark after a struggle with rod and reel of more than an hour.

Melanson, who was not aided by his companions for fear of not qualifying for the records, captured the world's record for the largest Mako shark ever caught by rod and reel, and the largest ever caught by a 50-pound test line.

The previous record was 769 pounds for the size line.

Melanson, sitting in his living room 36 hours after the 8 a.m. catch Sunday, exclaimed -- "I knew it was a big fish when it struck my line, but I had no idea just how big."

He was fishing with Marco Silvio and Ernie Morgan, also Works' employees, with Frank Mundus, technical advisor for the movie "Jaws", who was portrayed as Quint in the movie, according to Silvio.

Mundus' boat, a 40-footer, is used by many fishing party expeditions, Silvio said.

"Everyone wants to go with Mundus," Silvio said "He knows where to go for the big ones."



JIM MELANSON, Haverhill, caught this Mako Shark weighing 1,080 pounds with rod and reel, Aug. 26. Melanson, left, shares honor here with Marco Silvio, both Works employees. Ernie Morgan, a third Works employee on the trip, is also from Haverhill.

The boat, Cricket II, was not damaged during the ordeal under rainy skies, but the huge shark "completely straightened out three gafs," Melanson and Silvio said.

Melanson said Mundus was sleeping down below, but "when he heard the commotion, he ran up to the deck and threw a gaf immediately to grab the Mako."

Melanson explained a gaf is a barbed device attached to a long aluminum pole. When the barbed device penetrates into the shark, the pole is removed, and a line connects the gaf which is stuck in the shark's body.

"Mundus knows just what to do," Melanson said.

According to Silvio, Mundus is known as the "Monster Man" when it comes to catching sharks.

"A couple of times I felt like letting Marco take over, my hands were so swollen, but Marco said 'If I help you, you can kiss the world records goodbye,'" Melanson said.

There are strict rules in competing for world records requiring only one person to man the rod and reel. Silvio, however, did hold onto Melanson's waist to steady him through the one-and-a-quarter hour ordeal.

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Four students agree Works opened career world

The summer of '79 was beneficial from a work-oriented learning experience for four students, ages 18-20, who took part in the Works' VEPS Program.

The acronym stands for Vocational Exploration in the Private Sector, and is a program that facilitates the career selection process of young participants by placing them in work exposure positions in the private sector.

Among those who took part here was Paul Manzi, 18, of North Andover, who worked the summer in the Cost Accounting Department.

Other participants were Lesvia Melendez, also 18, of Lawrence and two from Methuen, Kevin Leocata, 20, and James Sharon, 19.

The Greater Lawrence VEPS Program was sponsored by the Greater

Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, the National Alliance of Business, and the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc.

Paul, who is studying Business Management at North Adams State College, was in agreement with the others that working at the Works was extremely beneficial.

His reactions to the summer employment follow:

"My experience at Western Electric was very beneficial in my future studies at North Adams State College. The VEPS Program helps young people discover what areas they would like to continue in college.

I'm studying Business Administration with concentration in either accounting or management, also with a minor in computer science.

"Western Electric, I feel, is the finest company in the Merrimack Valley for which to work.

"As a participant in the Cost Accounting Department, I was trained in Western's standard cost system which was outlined to me by Richard Dennehy, section chief. Everyone in the department gave me invaluable advice which will benefit me in the future.

"The members of the department were all concerned about my continuing studies at North Adams. The people in the office also made me feel important and always complimented my work.

"It was like working together in one big family. As a result, I hope to work for Western Electric next summer."

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Van damaged in David's path

When summer ends and autumn's inevitable color display begins, thoughts usually turn to raking leaves.

However, there are a number of truths to the old adage that "if one doesn't like the New England weather, just wait a minute."

Rose C. Doucet, safety department employee at the Works, can attest to what New England and Mother Nature have in store from time to time.

Rose's 1976 custom-equipped van tells a visual tale of woe after it was destroyed Sept. 6 while parked in front of her sister's home, Butler St., Lawrence.

Rose said she was about ready to leave "when I heard a crash. I looked outside and found a huge Elm tree had been uprooted, landing on my van."

She hadn't been out of the vehicle 10 minutes when the mishap occurred.

"I knew it was windy, the remains of Hurricane David bearing down on the area, but I didn't realize it was that windy," Rose said.

The time of the mishap was shortly before 7:30 p.m.

She said the tree was so large, it curtailed traffic during the nighttime hours, both ways on Butler St.

It curtailed her opportunity to drive to work for much longer than that.

"I have been forced to carpool now," she said.

She said the van had been equipped with a dinette, curtains, a bureau and closet, which Rose said she enjoyed as a "recreational vehicle."

A sticker on the back of the van said, "A little courtesy won't kill you." However, getting along with Mother Nature isn't always a sure thing.



This is all that remains of van on which huge Elm tree landed during Sept. 6 tropical storm, David. This scene is on Butler St., Lawrence. Vehicle is owned by Rose C. Doucet, Works safety department employee.

BSSP provides 4th investment choice

The Bell System Savings Plan (BSSP) for salaried employees has been amended in order to provide participants with a greater degree of flexibility in investment choices.

Effective Dec. 1, 1979, a guaranteed interest fund will be offered to

participants as a fourth investment choice.

Participants will be able to direct their future savings to be invested entirely or in part in this new option.

A guaranteed interest fund is a fund invested with one or more insurance

companies or other financial institutions which will guarantee the repayment of principal plus a fixed rate of interest on a year-to-year basis.

In October, all employees in the Works eligible to participate in the Bell System Savings Plan for salaried

employees will receive an amended prospectus and an insert to their summary plan description booklet.

In addition, the plan has been amended to provide for the temporary suspensions of an installment distribution to retired employees when they are rehired by the Company.

Blood donors help others while helping themselves *By Bob Zingali*

Everybody's business is giving blood because you or a member of your family may need blood at any time. Donors who give regularly through the Red Cross assure a measure of security against future family blood needs. Ed Walak, an engineering associate, and regular contributor to the local Works blood bank, found this to be true to life when he required more than 20 pints of blood for open heart surgery this past

September. Ed was rushed to the hospital after suffering a ruptured aneurysm. The life-giving blood was immediately available at no cost to Ed's family because Ed had thought enough to plan ahead for his family's needs, little knowing that he himself would need such a large quantity. Ed is presently recuperating comfortably at Tufts Medical Center where the operation was performed.

Bunny Fugge, Director of the

Greater Lawrence Blood Program, praised the ongoing record of our local Works: "Western Electric is our biggest supporter as to the number of visits that are sponsored yearly. Life-giving blood is so important and we need 1,500 pints per day in order to meet the needs in Massachusetts. We have to worry about the needs of larger hospitals in Boston because that is where major operations are performed and that's where the local people go.

Western Electric has been very helpful in meeting the day-to-day demands of local hospitals. If the Works cancelled just one day (the Works guarantees at least 75 pints per visit) it would mean elective surgery would have to be cancelled at several area hospitals."

"I can't tell you how much we appreciate the blood contributions made on a regular basis by the people at Merrimack Valley and how important their 'gifts of life' are to the surrounding communities.

Roberta Carr, head nurse on duty at the last blood bank held on September 4th, put it this way: "So much blood is needed in the treatment of specific diseases from specific components of blood such as platelets for bleeding disorders when clotting is required to prevent hemorrhaging, gamma globulin for prevention of infectious diseases, whole blood and packed red cells for surgery, accident victims and other medical conditions.

"It makes you feel good to see people giving of themselves to help others, and themselves, when the need arises."

Reggie LaPlume, a volunteer from Lawrence, was busy seeing to the appetites of the successful donors and when asked why she donated her time replied: "Just to help out, I can always find things to do around the house but when I'm called, I gladly come."

Bill Murphy, another engineer, summed it up nicely: "Largely to build up the bank account. When I got it, I give it so when I need it, I can get it."

Why not make giving blood your business and register to be a donor at the WEValley Club. Your name and blood type will be placed on a computer card that you will receive periodically indicating the date and time of your next blood bank appointment. The appointments are staggered to minimize waiting lines, limiting to about 45 minutes the time you spend at the blood bank. Scheduling is important so try to report on time and be sure to turn in your card when notified so you can be scheduled properly and avoid long waits.

Your gifts of life may help to replace blood lost by an accident victim, make it possible for a sick child to run and play, enable an elderly patient to withstand surgery, or give a newborn baby a healthy start in life.

It gives you a warm feeling, doesn't it? It should!



BOB SKINNER, Cable shop supervisor, Department 81972, was one of the many Works personnel who gave blood during the Sept. 4 bloodmobile. Assisting is Mrs. P. Keilty, RN, of the Red Cross Blood Program.

Trio reels in 1,080-lb. shark

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Melanson was thrown from one end of the boat to the other, and many times the entire crew was splashed from an almost continuous swipe of the shark's tail.

When the Mako was brought onto the boat, still alive, "the weighmaster said 'You have two world records,' " according to Melanson.

Melanson said the girth was more than six feet, (a circumference measurement), and it is more than 11 and one-half feet long.

He is having the shark stuffed in Babylon, N.Y., by a taxidermist, which is expected to take nine months, being performed in six molded parts.

Melanson said it was evident they had a big news story when first, Jack Casey, Narragansett, R.I., a marine biologist, arrived by airplane to verify the statistics.

Later, three radio sportscasters on WHDH, Boston, called Montauk, L.I., asking Mundus if they could speak on the air with Melanson.

The sportscasters were Eddie Andelman, Mark Witkin, and Jim McCarthy.

Melanson said, "We were just about ready to leave for Haverhill when the call came in."

Many from the Greater Haverhill area, including many at the Works, had heard about the shark because of the radio program.

Silvio said the troupe had left about 9 p.m. from Montauk, and reached their deep-water destination about midnight amidst rain, thunder and lightning.

Melanson works in the F storeroom; Silvio, cable shop; and Morgan, crystal room, all second shift.

If they were to do it all over again, they would hope for a similar type of fight, because the shark tired herself out by jumping six times completely out of the water.

Silvio said he has been fishing for sharks for 12 years, and "I know from experience that should have been a

three-to-four hour fight for a 1,080-pound shark."

Another factor, Silvio said, in landing the shark was the grooved, uneven teeth of a Mako, which don't allow easy gripping of the line in the shark's mouth.

"Every time the shark jumped out of the water, we could hear the clicking of her teeth, but she just couldn't grasp the line," Silvio said.

The story was aired on television news programs the following evening, as well as Greater Haverhill and Greater Lawrence newspapers.

And the mates agree their step-by-step attempts to obtain even more world records is continuing in earnest, as they have already ventured to Jeffrey's Ledge, 35 miles off the mouth of the Merrimack, to catch a 300-pound Blue shark with a 20-pound test line.

That would also be a world's record, Melanson says, who carries the record book with him to match the catches with the statistics.

In fact, Silvio said they are seeking record catches with six, 12 and 20-pound test lines, "because those are the records to be broken."

Melanson already has a Blue shark mounted on his wall at home, and plans to mount the Mako.

One question he hasn't answered yet is, where will such a large shark find a homing roost?

Frankly, though, Melanson, Silvio and Morgan are at home just catching one shark after another. The trio won the Yankee Mako Tournament in Newburyport for two consecutive years, 1978 and 1979, this Aug. 17-19 vying for top spot by catching five Blue sharks in one day.

Silvio said the Mako was in excellent shape, and at first was thought to be pregnant which would have been another first.

But, they settled for two world's records.



WESTERN ELECTRIC United Fund Poster Contest winners, selected Aug. 21, and honored at a reception at the Works Sept. 5, are: Bottom row, left to right, Lahlayne Sullivan, Darlene DeGaetano, Ann Marie Lyons, Julie Barry, Julie Lee and Pam Carter. Middle row, left to right, Paul Hewett, Diane Kmiec, Alicia Kotce, Daniel George and Scott Hewett. Top row, left to right, Karen Kotce, Christine Kmiec, Patricia Lyons and Laura Miller. Billy Briggs, also a winner in the top 16, was absent.

16 honored for UF poster entries

The Western Electric United Fund poster contest winners for this year were selected Aug. 21, by a panel of judges, and honored Sept. 5 at the Works.

Each was presented with a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond by Walter Flinn, Information Systems Manager and chairman of this year's campaign. Winners also received a Susan B. Anthony silver dollar.

Co-Chairmen of the poster contest were Carol Chase and Lorraine Gaudette, who served as judges along with Jack Cadarette, section chief; John Dresse, Works' assistant manager, and Ken Paradis, machinist and union representative.

The posters, following the Sept. 5 reception, were distributed throughout the plant at respective locations where members of their family work.

The 16 winners, selected from a total

of 48 entries, are as follows:

Lahlayne Sullivan, age 6; Darlene DeGaetano, 7; Pam Carter, 8; Julie Lee, Alicia Kotce, both age 9, and Julie Barry, 11.

Also, Diane, 12, and Christine Kmiec, 14, sisters; both of who also won last year; Danny George, 13, and Billy Briggs, 15.

Receiving honorable mention, rounding out the 16 winners, were:

Anne Marie Lyons, 10; Karen Kotce, 13; Laura Miller, 12; Patricia Lyons, 12, and Paul and Scott Hewett, 14 and 13 respectively.

Flinn addressed the winners telling the gathering who attended with their parents that the posters deliver a vital message about the worth of the United Fund.

The posters are displayed at the Methuen Mall during the following summer, under the supervision of Carol Chase and Lorraine Gaudette.

New profession for Gates - EMT

When Billy (real first name) E. Gates became a full fledged emergency medical technician (EMT) in June of this year, he probably knew there were going to be days when he would prefer being a Works Technician.

His daytime profession is working here with digital voltmeters, Department 89233, and nights are devoted six or eight times a month as Kingston, N.H. ambulance attendant and EMT.

Billy, at 41, finished a 110-hour classroom course of instruction, and

on top of that studied 10 hours on-the-job in the Exeter, N.H., Hospital's emergency room.

He has a lot of praise for the training, including a standard first aid course taken at the Works in 1974, in that he serves as a potential savior for many different and difficult emergency cases.

The father of two children and husband of a school teacher in Kingston, he knows what the needs are of the Kingston-Newton, N.H. population.

United Fund goal surpassed by \$50,000

Walter Flinn, chairman of this year's United Fund campaign at the Works, enthusiastically announced Sept. 21 the preliminary figures show contributions have increased by \$50,000 over 1978's, to \$410,000.

"It was a combination of factors, one of which is that solicitors with employee and union cooperation did a great job getting the dollar amount of giving to increase," Flinn said.

To a certain extent it also reflects a

number of new employees giving for the first time, he added.

Flinn said he noticed that in some departments the dollar increase over 1978 was as much as 20 percent.

The number of those contributing a fair share went from 1,721 (1978) to 1,832, it was reported at a Branch Coordinators meeting Sept. 21.

This year's campaign was the week of Sept. 10.

On the job

Report clerks are piece de resistance

Many people may not realize it, but the various department and section chiefs sure do -- The report clerk is the backbone of any department.

This especially holds true for two such report clerks, Agnes Gerry of South Lawrence, and Millie Saldi, Plaistow, N.H.

They are two report clerks who are far removed from each other in distance based on work locations, but not far removed in years of service in their capacity as clerks.

Agnes, who has been at the Works 27 years, the first four years serving as an employee in Production Service, loves her work, as her years of remaining a report clerk would serve to support.

She and the 11 other report clerks throughout the Works maintain all records that must be filed, keep track of time cards, distribute paychecks, computer reports, and keep tabs on whereabouts of department and section chiefs who might be needed on a moment's notice.

Agnes is responsible to three department chiefs: Carlo Bracci, Art Royer, and Ed Benson. They, in turn, have the responsibility for five departments totalling 580 personnel and 20 section chiefs.

Carlo has the D4 Channel Units,

special services and the newly-installed A-line material transporter.

Art's territory centering around Agnes is the D3, D4 process center, and Ed adds to Agnes' workload with the D3 channel units and special services.

Art agrees the report clerk is the nucleus of the department's functions.

"The report clerk needs to know the routine involving purchase orders, promotions, and transfers."

"There is a lot of paper work taking place now because of the increase in hiring. This means the record clerk is continually updating the records' file," Art added.

Millie also is responsible for a department of 600 persons encompassing four departments and two department chiefs.

Millie has 23 years at the Company, 20 of those as report clerk. The production areas she is involved with are Toroidal Coil, Multiple-wound Coils, Resin Casting, and Repetitive Core Coil Departments.

Millie's husband, Jack, is a Works' analyst, and she also has two brothers-in-law that work here -- Sam Saldi, a Carpenter, and Ron Saldi, a Mechanic.

Millie's hobbies include tennis, golf, racquet ball and bicycling.

Agnes' hobbies include decoupage, crocheting and traveling.



MILLIE SALDI — 20 years a report clerk.



AGNES GERRY — 23 years a report clerk.



THOMAS W. SCANDLYN, right, AT&T Vice President, Long Lines, toured Works Monday, Sept. 10, along with Evans Heath, second right, an AT&T Long Lines Director, and Tracey Gray, Western Electric Director of Sales, National Accounts and AT&T Long Lines. With visitors are, l to r, Works General Manager Charles W. DeBell and Works Director of Engineering William E. Banton, tour guide.

Plant champs in sports named



THE GREEN MACHINE, winners in Women's softball Wednesday night league, from left to right, are: Front row: Nancy Lewis, co-captain; Jeane Levesque, Gladys Champagne, Dianne LaValley, Irene Chretien, Gloria Gagliardi and Diana Wake. Back row: Tony Champagne, coach; Chris Levesque, Marge Linnehan, Elinor Murphy, captain; Bob Lavoie, coach; Gloria Johnson, Joanne Giconda and Kathy Boyd. Lynne Schrock was not available. In bottom photo, Tuesday night league champs, the Pirates.

The Women's and Men's Softball competition at the Works has wrapped up for the season, with plant champion statistics recently announced. For The Green Machine — Women's softball, they finished with an 11-4 record, and the Pirates, with Capt. Alex Oski, came out on top as they defeated the Tigers in the finale, 5-4 and 8-5.

Awards in the Men's League play have been presented, singling out Most Valuable Players as Joe Comerford, Pirates, and Jerry Brown, Brewers.

A memorial trophy was dedicated in the name of Al Paradis. He was a long-time participant in the Thursday Night League. The trophy will be presented starting next season.

In WESOL action (soccer), the Raiders captured the plant championship with a 13-4-2 record, with the Wildcats and Titans finishing second and third, respectively.

A cup will be awarded the winner in double-elimination tourney play.

In battling for the five-league championship in golf, Sam Defeo and Don Roberts squeaked out a one-point victory on the 18th hole, deciding the championship match over Denis Shute and Lou Walberg, who earlier defeated Norm Graichen and Charlie Henry in first round play.



PIRATES, softball plant champions, who finished regular season in fourth place, a first in plant's sports history, are, first row, l to r: Dave Spofford, Joe Comerford, Dan Dumas, Bob Wysocki and Joe Pelc. Second row: Tom Young, Zeke Eisaman, and Steve Lefoley. Third row: Burrell Lowery, Alex Oski, captain; Mike Saylor, Al Lampariello, and Ron Smith.

Bell notes



CREDIT CHECK - Ann Jyacek of clothing store in Long Island, N.Y., checks a customer's credit over Transaction II, Western Electric's telephone/data terminal. Transaction II is connected directly to a credit authorization center's computer for fast verification.

To the millions of shoppers who use credit cards for purchases, there is nothing more frustrating than a lengthy wait while a sales clerk verifies their credit.

A retailer can now eliminate these annoying situations with Western Electric's Transaction II, the telephone that is also a data terminal. Transaction II can connect the sales clerk, via a direct line, to the credit clearance center for instant acceptance of a customer's credit card or check.

By pushing a few buttons and whisking a credit card through a special slot, a sales clerk can save a call to an Authorization Center or a search through a bulky list.

The terminal reads the magnetic strip on the back of a credit card and relays the information to a central computer bank. The computer instantly approves or rejects the transaction. The central computer then adjusts a customer's credit balance and is ready for the next purchase.

A Canobie Lake scenario — a day to enjoy



AGNES COCO and son, Jimmy, Tewksbury, enjoyed the food.



RUSSELL CLIFFORD, age 2 1/2, Amesbury, buys what every child asks for at such occasions — a balloon.



ANISSA BACON, Wilmington, foreground, and Pam Malde with infant Jill Grant, Dover, N.H., took a liking to the pony carts.



KIM DALY, Methuen, enjoyed the fantasy of becoming a fireman, or better yet, firewoman.



SKY RIDE at Canobie Lake Park, Salem, N.H., provided a nice vantage point for those attending the Works family outing, Sept. 8.

Up, up and away

It was a combination of the crisp air and carnival-like atmosphere of the rides that not only brought the throngs of kids and parents to the 1979 Canobie Lake Family Outing, Salem, N.H., but that kept them there throughout the day.

It was exclusively for the Works employees, their relatives and friends, Sept. 8, a fitting way to conclude the summer for young, middle-aged and old alike.

Excitement filled the air as children ran from ride to ride, reminiscent of all the prior family day outings which have been a tradition for years.

Close to 4,000 tickets were sold, according to Dick Hosford, WEValley Club administrator, who also made the usual arrangements for the bicycle drawings, clowns to greet the children, and assuring the rides would be manned from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As the clock struck 3, the public address announcer called everyone's attention to the drawings for the boy's and girl's bicycles at the bandstand.

Winners were Ron Saldi, Hillcrest Ave., Haverhill, of the Maintenance Department, and Tony Rapaglia, Bradford.



HAVING FUN on the Junior Roller Coaster were these children who got a taste of the adult what the adult ride is like.



MRS. RICHARD BOUCHER, Georgetown, joins the group riding the miniature steam-powered train as they prepare to depart for a park tour.



MINNIE DOLE, left, Department 81261, and Jackie Cocchiaro, Department 81215, review carpoolers' map to gain information in filling out Masspool application card.

etc.

Stan Urynowicz, retired Works employee and former Haverhill resident, now residing in Fairfax, Va., has informed friends back here to look for him if they attend the Papal Mass on the Washington, D.C. Mall on Oct. 6 as he will be one of the 4,000 ushers.

Maurice Bresnahan, Jr., Haverhill, who was featured in the Valley Voice's September issue as the builder of a nine-ton schooner, has since traveled along the North Atlantic coastline, towards Maine, with the craft. He reports the schooner not only is working properly, but photographs well with the sunset as a backdrop. Watch for the pictures in an upcoming issue.

There is a new telephone number and location for the Works' Lost and Found Department. The location is Building 20, Rm. 2X-74, and the extension is 2206. The hours of operation have not changed. They are: 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 3:30 to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

There is one magneto telephone left in the world, and as television viewers of Channel 4's Evening Magazine saw Sept. 5, it is in Bryant Pond, Maine.

Elden Hathaway, owner of the independent telephone company, said the whole community turned out in 1973 to oppose modernization of the telephone.

For the immediate and future reference of employees, especially newly hired ones, here are the operating hours when guards are present at Works' entrances/exits:

Gate #2 Open 24 hours a day Monday thru Friday. Closes Saturday at 4:45 p.m. and remains closed Sunday.	Shelter #6 5:45 a.m. 6:35 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:05 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday
Gate #3 Open at all times.	Shelter #7 5:45 a.m. 8:05 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 2:15 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:35 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:05 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:05 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday
Shelter #4 6:25 a.m. 8:05 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 3:15 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:05 p.m.	Shelter #8 11:30 p.m. 11:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed Saturday and Sunday.
Saturday 5:30 a.m. 6:35 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:45 p.m.	Gate #9 12:30 a.m. 12:45 a.m. 1:30 a.m. 1:45 a.m. 2:30 a.m. 2:45 a.m. 3:30 a.m. 3:40 a.m. 12:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:45 p.m. 10:30 p.m. 11:45 p.m.
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Sunday 9:15 p.m. 10:05 p.m.	

Merit Scholarship tests to be administered on October 23, 27

Western Electric employees' children who will complete high school and enter college in 1981 should take the 1979 preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) to qualify for the 1981 WE Fund Merit Scholarships.

The test will be administered in more than 17,500 high schools on Tuesday, Oct. 23, and Saturday, Oct. 27.

The annual Merit Scholarship identifies and honors exceptionally talented high school students and aids as many as possible in obtaining a college education.

Western Electric chooses its Fund winners through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation from among children (natural or legally adopted) of on-roll employees or retirees. Also eligible are children of deceased employees who had a minimum of 15 years service and were on active or

pension roll at the time of death.

All WE Fund Merit Scholarship candidates must meet the NMSC competition requirements, and are chosen on the basis of test scores, academic records, leadership, and significant extracurricular accomplishments.

The WE Fund Merit Scholarships are renewable awards, covering up to four years of full-time study at regionally accredited U.S. colleges.

Recipients must pursue studies toward a traditional baccalaureate degree.

All Western Electric Fund Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen from among the eligible students who first qualify as semifinalists on the basis of their PSAT/NMSQT scores. Then they advance as finalists in the Merit Program.

No entry blanks are used. The test is the application.

Method of taking new deductions clarified

Joe Adams, Department Chief of the Payroll Organization, asks that employees be reminded that when changes in standard rate of pay are made by increasing deductions, it results in less money at the end of the month.

As a result, Adams said there are times when deductions affect net pay to the point where there isn't enough money at the end of the month to take care of all selected deductions.

He said the amount paid to employees for the 10th and 20th withdrawals remains constant and is the standard withdrawal unless "changed by you."

"This set amount should approx-

imate one-third of net pay (gross minus taxes and selected deductions)," Adams continued.

He added, "Please note that in the priority of deductions the Bell System Savings Plan (BSSP) would be the first deduction affected. This would result in the loss of your BSSP contribution for the month and the loss of the Company's contribution."

Form MV-1308-CP "Monthly Payroll Withdrawal Authorization" should be obtained from the Payroll Organization to make a change in your standard withdrawal and should be forwarded to Department 03770 approximately 10 days prior to the effective date, Adams said.

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Pioneers

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Jan Fontaine visits patients

We are proud to present Jan Fontaine, Department 21767, as our Pioneer of the Month. She is someone who not only cares but does something about it.



Jan Fontaine

Jan, the Chapter's Nursing Home Liaison, has served on the executive board and has been a leader in many of our Chapter's most important community service endeavors.

Her long-standing interest has been to make life more pleasant for patients in area nursing homes and hospitals, especially those who have no relatives or have been forgotten. In this she has been successful.

Among her many accomplishments are, knitted shawls, lap robes, slippers, and innovations such as crocheted Easter and May baskets and corsages.

Jan has organized the Greeting Card Program which reaches patients who would not otherwise receive birthday or holiday remembrances.

In 1977 the Greeting Card Program was selected for Honorable Mention in the nationwide People Who Care Award Program.

For the past two years Jan has coordinated the Arts and Crafts display by these patients.

Jan and her husband, Norman, another devoted Pioneer, reside in Plaistow, N.H. with occasional retreats to their favorite spot in Stowe, VT.

Jan, You Are Truly A Person Who Cares.

Pioneer-sponsored school enrolls 350

The Telephone Pioneers of America, Chapter 78-sponsored Educational Opportunity Program for self improvement is now in full swing, with 350 enrollees.

Twenty classes are being conducted on a weekly basis, offering 13 different social and career-related courses for employees and retirees of the Works and Bell Labs.

The courses are free of charge except for textbooks.

Muriel O'Brien, Ed-Op Committee Chairman, is to be congratulated for her detailed planning, coordination and dedication to this new Chapter venture.

She and her committee have worked many hours during the past year to insure the success of the self-improvement program.

Muriel said, "We are most grateful to all the instructors, who, in the true spirit of Pioneer fellowship, have unselfishly volunteered their time and knowledge for the benefit of fellow workers."

She continued, "It is a pleasure to have so many of you involved in this Pioneer activity, and we hope that your interest will lead to participation in other aspects of Pioneering."

The school, designated as an evening session although some classes start in the afternoon, has become possible due to the survey that took place in the spring.



FRANCES LEFEBVRE, Works retiree and member, Chapter 78, Pioneers, is one of evening school volunteer teachers. She is conducting a course entitled Center Pieces and Holiday Decorations. The course is given Mondays by Frances, and Tuesdays by Betty Becker.

"There were 600 respondents for the program. It was not a commitment, but simply means of selecting an estimate of interested employees and their types of interests," Muriel said.

The last evening school program was in the early 1970's. This is the first time the Pioneers have provided such a program, according to both Muriel and Carol Ann Smith, co-chairmen.

Norm Graichen new Chapter V.P.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Bill Banton has found it necessary to resign as Chapter Vice President. Although we will miss him on the executive board, he has assured us of his continued support of Chapter activities.

The executive board, meeting in special session, appointed Norm Graichen to fill the unexpired term of office.

Welcome Norm - we wish you every success.



A total of 127 years of WECO employment is represented by M.Louise Kelly, second left, and Arthur L. Bartlett, of Department 89674. They retired in September. They were presented their Pioneer Life Member Certificates Aug. 29. Making presentations are Marie R. Huntley, left, and Edith Mills, second right. The departmental celebration was attended by Arthur's wife and Louise's mother. Both plan to remain in Haverhill.

Handicapped enjoy August fishing trip

Fifty Haverhill and Lawrence handicapped children caught more than 200 mackerel, finished the last sandwich and returned home tired, but happy, from the August fishing trip.

Coordinator Tom Horgan, on behalf of the Life Members who sponsor the annual trips, thanks all those who made the expedition such a success. He notes that special gratitude is due the employees in the Packing Department, Warehouse, Office and Department 81950 for their generosity and thoughtfulness each year.

YOU MADE IT HAPPEN!

Upcoming opportunities

Oct. 10	Glynn Memorial Hospital - Bingo	7 p.m.
16	Danvers Hospital - Bingo	7 p.m.
16	Valley Guitar Club - Blenwood Home	7 p.m.
17	L.M. Club Luncheon	12 Noon
24	Rockingham Nursing Home - Bingo	7 p.m.
	Bowling for Life Members every Friday at Pilgrim Lanes, Haverhill	10 a.m.

Volunteers Needed to Share in the Festivities.Call:

Glynn Hospital Bingo	Mary Chadwick	X4835
Danvers Hospital - Bingo	Bob Donahue	X4986
Valley Guitar Club	Mac Emshwiller	X6140
Rockingham Home	George Durling	X2255

Activities listed by life members

Dick Senter, former Department Chief, has been very busy since his retirement managing his Kingston, N.H. Landscaping and Nursery business. His wife and helper, Sylvia, is also a former W.E. employee.

Larry Murphy, longtime maintenance man in Quartz Crystal Section, is taking it easy and enjoying life at his permanent home in Florida. He would like to hear from his friends. His address is Box 315, Bronson, Fla. 32626.

Paul Bouvier, 78 Eudora St., Haverhill, is interested in physical fitness and is working hard to keep fit through walking, jogging and bicycling. He has

managed to lose 32 pounds since his retirement. Hobbies include bowling, macrame and gardening.

Alice Hastings writes from 1704 Eddington Court in Bloomington, Indiana 47401, C/O Brenner's. Her hobbies include swimming, cooking, knitting and traveling.

Your publicity committee has exhausted its supply of Life Member News. Life Members please take note. We need more information on your current activities. Address all your correspondence to Arthur Fernald, Dept. 03720, C/O WECO., 1600 Osgood St., North Andover, Mass. 01845.

Passages

Design suggestion receives \$330 award

Francis J. Lavalley, Department 89666, has received the top suggestion award for August of \$330 as a result of his proposing redesigning the arbors of five-spindle and eight-spindle winding machines.

The second top award for the same month of \$215 went to Thomas J. Thomson, Department 81114, who proposed an additional basket be provided at the vapor degreaser for T1 adapter cleaning.

Stephen P. O'Donnell received a suggestion award for \$37.50 and two for \$18.75, the only three-award recipient for August.

Three others received two awards for the same month.

They were: Ronald W. Aldrich, \$18.75 and \$9.38; Andy G Chakarian, two for \$18.75, and Lee W. Richardson, also two for \$18.75.

Obituaries

Anna L. Scott, 74, retiree, June 30.

H. Francis Drenth, 69, retired supervisor, Aug. 26.

Albert B. Paradis, Jr., 48, bench hand, Aug. 30.

Josephine D. Salzano, 71, retiree, Sept. 5.

Lora N. Roy, 70, retiree, Sept. 12.

Charles W. Sharp, 74, retiree, Sept. 13.

Daniel W. Kocher, 67, retiree, Sept. 16.

New chess game starts Nov. 15

Have you ever played chess by mail?

The 33rd annual round will get under way early this winter. An application form will be sent to you upon receipt of a self-home-stamped envelope.

Send requests to:

Chess Tournament Director
195 Broadway, Room 1338
New York, N.Y. 10007

All applications must reach the director by Nov. 15, 1979.

Moves

W. W. Gible, Department Chief, Local Cable, Coaxial Cord and Mini-Cord, D2, SDDS, DDS, T2M12, VIF, DT, Echo, T4M, M13, IARDT Panels, and Bays, A&W Inspection and Test, to Personnel Manager, Public Relations Division, 222 Broadway, New York, N.Y., effective Sept. 15.

J. J. Comerford, Department Chief, Quality Control Engineering and Appraisal - Digital Equipment, Purchased Material Inspection, to Department Chief, Special Assignment. **J. H. Bellefeuille**, Department Chief, Ferrite Manufacturing, to Department Chief, Quality Control Engineering and Appraisal - Digital Equipment, Purchased Material Inspection. **M. S. Foulds, Jr.**, Section Chief, Test Set Maintenance, to Department Chief, Ferrite Manufacturing.

Other August award winners were: George D. Fitton, \$55; Allister F. Fraser, Gerald P. Guilfoyle, Joseph G. Kanan, Leilah A. Keamy, Leslie C. Kus, Terpsi H. Lafionatis, and Charles T. Sapienza, all \$37.50.

Also, Alfred B. Emilio and Joseph Gulla, \$30 each; Josehine F. Plourde, \$25; Eileen M. Currier, Grace M. Faraci, Daniel B. Greeley, David H. James, Rebecca D. Kearns, and Donald E. Kizirian, all \$18.75.

Also, John H. Marcoux, Joe K. Nordengren, Raymond J. Peters, Gerard C. St. Cyr and Donald E. Therrien, \$18.75.

Rounding out the list of 38 August award winners, all totalling \$1,378.78, were: Diane Fredette, Joseph L. Girard, Edward R. Hale, Teresa M. Henze and Gayle E. Slye, \$9.38.

Retirements

Ruth B. Beaney, Printed Wiring Board Department, Aug. 1, 16 years.

Florence McSvet, Quartz Crystal Unit Assembly Department, Aug. 20, 20 years.

Virginia M. O'Brien, Quartz Crystal Unit Assembly Department, Sept. 14, 21 years.

Donald E. Moses, Plant Construction and Services Department, Sept. 28, 29 years.

Victor R. Schena, N2, N3 Carrier Plug-In Unit, T2-T4 Regen. A-6 Channel Unit DR11 and CCITT Department, Sept. 28, 23 years.

Andrew S. Dozibrin, Plant Construction and Services Department, Oct. 1, 16 years.

Rita M. Kidd, Repetitive Core Coil Department, Oct. 5, 25 years.

Jennie Oleskie, Crystal Filter Department, Oct. 8, 20 years.

Nicolina B. Lafreniere, Repetitive Core Coil Department, Oct. 9, 17 years.

Carmen C. Marchisio, Precision Cutting and Lapping Section, Oct. 10, 35 years.

James V. Kiernan, Environmental Control Safety Engineering and Plant Inspection, Raw Material Engineering and Engineering Laboratories, Oct. 2, 33 years.

Lucille S. Noury, Repetitive Core Coil Department, Oct. 17, 19 years.

Howard L. Kenerson, D4 Channel Unit Department, Oct. 22, 24 years.

Celia O. Pierce, Packing, Shipping and Warehousing Department, Nov. 2, 14 years.

Anniversaries

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40-year Anniversary

Presented by General Manager

Smith, Frank O. 30 84562

35-year Anniversary

Presented by General Manager

Ploski, Louise M. 2 89612

Frechette, Gerard A. 9 89231

30-year Anniversary

Boudreau, Pauline C. 3 02322

Bednez, John P. 5 89823

25-year Anniversary

Carey, Paul D. 4 81224

Pike, Walter J. 5 84942

Dow, Ernest F., Jr. 8 89213

Bennett, Rose L. 12 89392

Balevre, Cecile T. 14 89813

Randall, Earl C. Jr. 19 80463

Sanchez, Virgil W., Jr. 24 21340

Werren, John E. 27 21510

Lamontagne, Rose S. 28 81919

20-year Anniversary

Oleskie, Jennie 1 89844

Page, Stephanie C. 1 89811

Rizzo, Gloria G. 1 89811

Bastien, Robert J. 5 21550

Cook, Anita I. 5 89335

Croft, Richard E. 5 89214

Doherty, James T. 5 11381

Hedges, May R. 5 81982

Ingham, William P. 5 89249

Lacroix, Robert R. 5 89245

Lafleur, Robert N. 5 81941

Lavin, William E. 5 89273

Lennon, John H., Jr. 5 89243

Sousa, Mildred L. 5 8933A

Masoud, Anna L. 6 81973

McAllister, Joseph F. 7 21744

Proulx, Germaine I.	8	81939
Arsenault, Edward J.	12	89274
Auger, David	12	89341
Boisvert, Anna P.	12	81931
Brown, Raymond E.	12	89381
Busch, Richard J.	12	89247
Despres, Paul R.	12	89387
Deveney, Raymond E.	12	89240
Drelick, Frederick T.	12	80474
Fecteau, Eva N.	12	89672
Fleming, Frances A.	12	02322
Jaskot, Anita M.	12	89828
Salter, Francis X.	12	80472
Sudol, Loretta N.	12	89314
LaFleur, Edmond G.	13	89383
Schecter, Robert	13	21950
Witham, Helen T.	13	89824
Lasonde, Chanel P.	14	89245
Turcotte, Marie I.	14	81261
Adamopoulos, Yiota C.	15	02321
Pari, John A.	15	89273
Dow, Alice F.	17	81942
Evans, Larry A.	18	81973
Dekiaviczus, Carmela R.	19	81951
Kervin, Frank I.	19	21745
Langlois, William P.	19	81851
Paradis, Stanley N.	19	02331
Parker, Dorothy S.	19	81121
Snepausky, Alice T.	19	81844
Zavalianos, Kosmas C.	19	21744
Fowler, Charles V.	21	84934
Hartson, Robert V.	21	80461
Jackson, Robert D.	21	27630
Ouellette, Roger M.	21	27450
Patuto, Claire A.	22	89364
Chase, Winfred C.	25	89273
Conroy, Bernadette	26	81171
Dow, Raymond J., Jr.	26	21742
Cienci, Lillian B.	28	81148

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MONITORING CALLS to and from Dominican Republic and Isle of Dominica during devastation of Hurricane David in September over W1FW, call letters for the Western Electric-Bell Labs Amateur Radio Network, are: l to r, Frank Provenzano, BTL; Rafael Rodriguez and Bill McNally, both of the Works. Radio station is manned with assistance of 125 members. Bill, who is currently conducting amateur radio operating classes in the Pioneers' evening school, along with Jim Donoghue, BTL, is chairman of the Amateur Radio Club here.