

# Lincoln Telephone News

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The matter of a hundred miles or so didn't even faze the Western District pioneers when the time came for the annual banquet and reunion. They simply chartered a bus at Hastings, picked up another group at Sutton and came breezing into Lincoln thirty-three strong. Needless to say, they received an enthusiastic welcome. They are pictured above at the start of the trip at Hastings.

# Record Attendance at the

## Pioneer Banquet and Reunion

THE Cornhusker Hotel ballroom at Lincoln was the scene of one of the liveliest and most enjoyable reunions in the annals of the Frank H. Woods Chapter of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association. The ballroom was filled to near capacity, the attendance being augmented by the presence of guests who were invited to attend the function this year for the first time.

The committee in charge of arrangements was especially pleased by the fine turn-out from the territory of our Company as well as from representatives of other companies in the state. The folks from Hastings and Sutton went all out this year to be on hand for the occasion. Thirty-three members and guests chartered a bus at Hastings and really made the trip in style. Chief promoters of the excursion, we understand, were Ralph Wait, Ardena Pearson and Minnie Schlitt who deserve much credit for the success of the event.

Following the banquet, President George E. Walroth presented an address in which he reviewed the activities of the Chapter during the past

year and paid tribute to work of the officers, the executive board and chairmen and members of the various committees in the able administration of their respective duties.

"For the benefit of our guests," he said, "I wish to state that the purpose of our organization is to preserve the history, traditions and

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ideals of telephony; to promote and perpetuate fellowship and friendliness; to encourage the development of the art and industry, and for all worthy and related subjects."

"We are proud of the fact," he continued, "That we are members of the Frank H. Woods Chapter of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association. We believe we have the best organized, the most active and progressive chapter in the association." Mr. Walroth spoke in tribute to nine members of the Chapter who had passed away since the date of

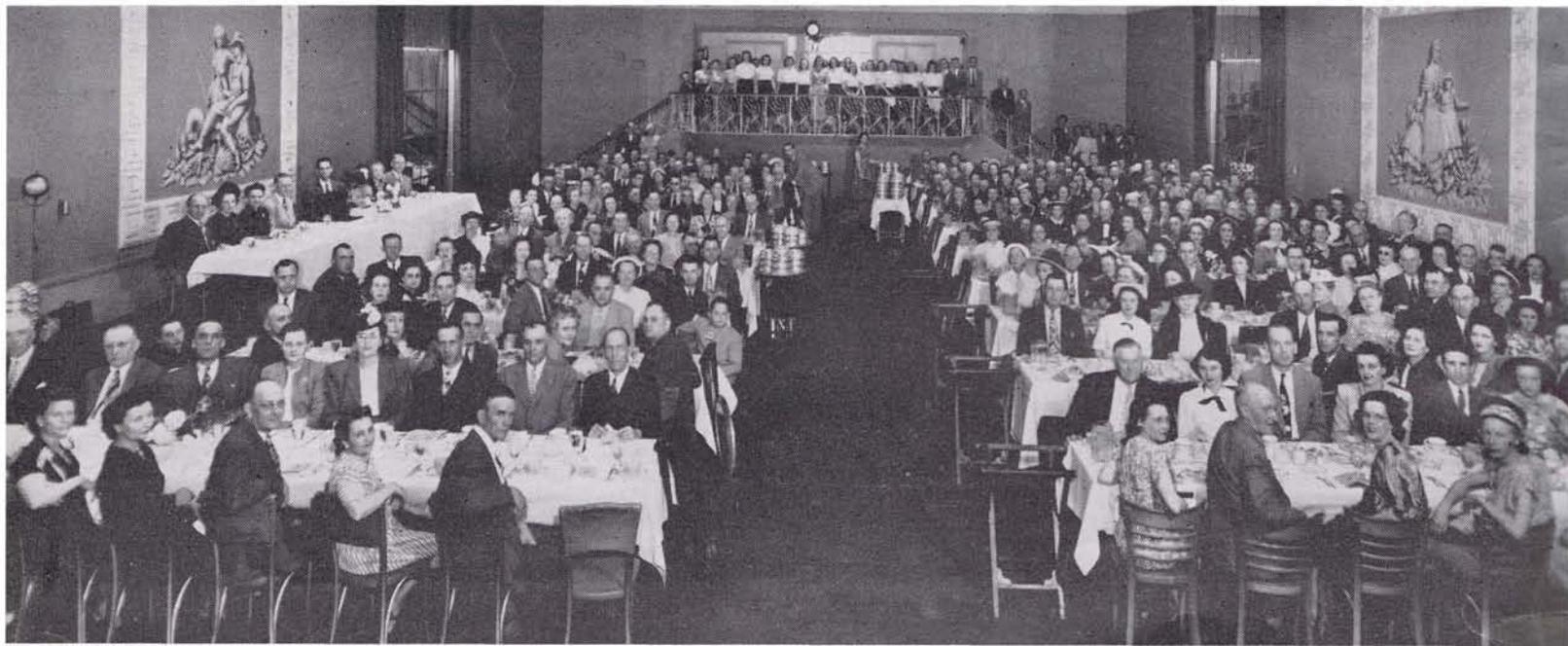
the last reunion. These were Joseph C. Miller, W. H. Mulhallen, Ralph A. Baker, Merrill N. Green, Harry G. Schilling, Frank E. Bagley, Judge Lester B. Stiner, C. L. Kelly and George Cruickshank. He concluded his remarks with an address on the subject of "Fellowship."

Following the banquet, R. D. Andrews presided at the drawing of door prizes. Frances Virgil was the lucky winner of the first prize, a table radio, with Billy Hassler and Victor Musselman drawing the honors in walking off with electric clocks as their prizes.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of an old fashioned minstrel show by 32 employees of our Company and Mr. Richard "Dick" Welch of the Automatic Electric Company. Bill Quinn performed like a professional as the interlocutor and equally fine performances were turned in by the two end men, Waldo McDowell as "Mr. Bones," and Alex Geist as "Tambo." Several numbers were presented by the chorus of 25 voices under the direction of Leonard Paul-

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**The spacious ballroom at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln provided the setting for the 1948 banquet and reunion. The picture was taken from the stage looking north.**



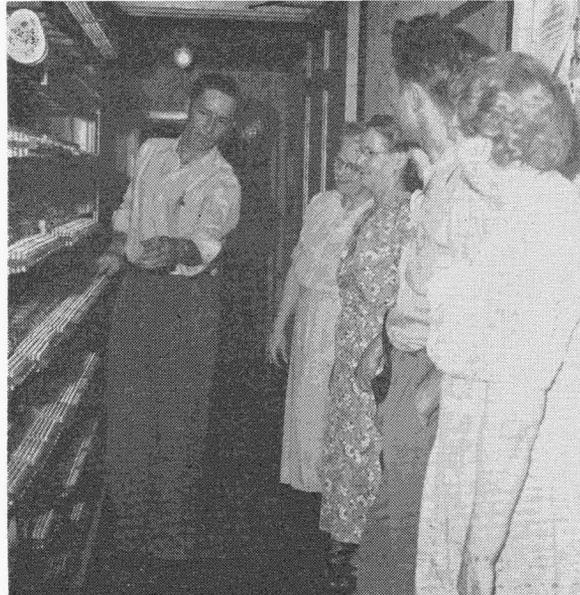


# Open House At Plattsmouth

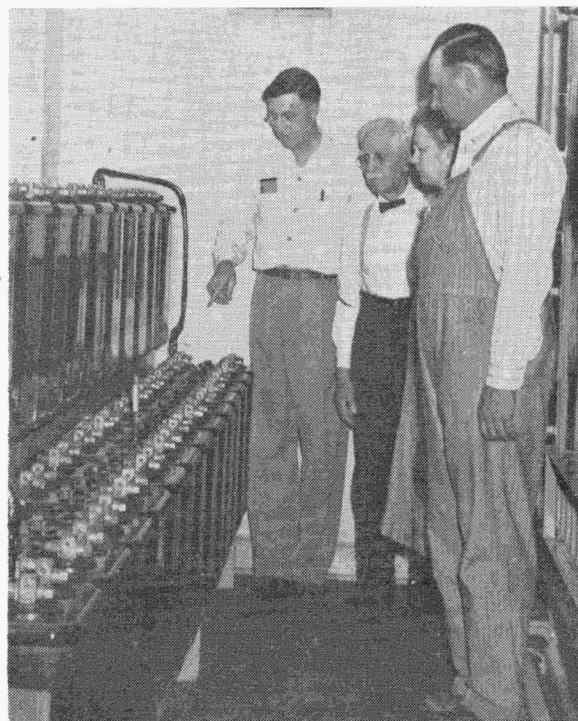
**FIVE** hundred twenty-nine residents of Plattsmouth and surrounding territory were conducted through the new telephone building at Plattsmouth on May 20 and 21 in the first public open house which the Company has held since before the war. It was the first opportunity for most of these to see the new dial switching equipment and the new long distance switchboard in operation and the guides in charge of the conducted tours presented their explanations to highly interested audiences. Adding much to the interest was a portable display unit demonstrating the operation of dial switching equipment which was effectively exhibited by Ed Piper.

Area Manager Adrian Newens was in charge of the activity and in company with District Manager John McKinzie, greeted the guests as they arrived and presented brief introductory explanations. Guides who officiated in the various departments during the conducted tours were Georgia Tartsch and Thelma Tritsch in the Commercial office, Chief Operator Hilda Johanns in the Traffic Department, and Wire Chief Joe Abrams and Bob Humiston in the Plant Department. Rose Janda presented each guest at the conclusion of the tour with favors and advertising booklets. Representing the Lincoln offices were Joe Hartley and A. B. Gorman of the General Commercial Office.

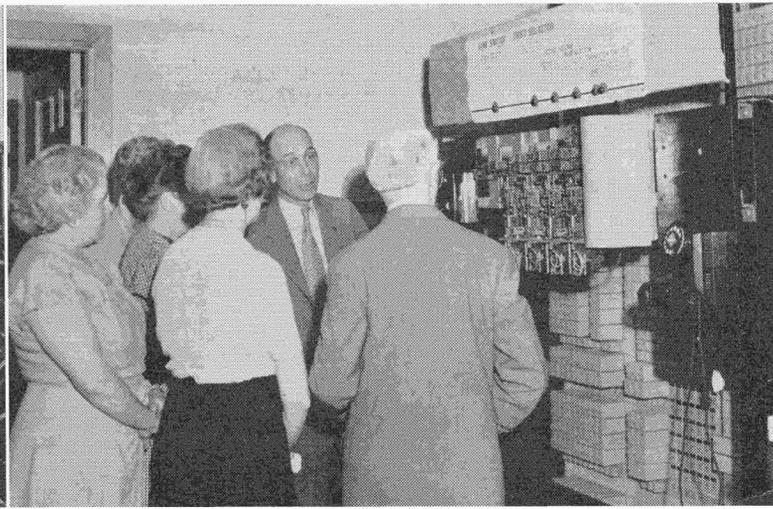
**Lower left.** Guests were much interested in the operations of the traffic department as explained by Hilda Johanns, chief operator. **Lower right.** Ed Piper made good use of the portable display of dial switching equipment in operation. The dial switching equipment, because of its novelty, was the point of greatest interest in the tours.



**Upper left.** The Plattsmouth business office decked out in floral decorations for the special occasion. Left to right, Adrian Newens, area manager; Thelma Tritsch, clerk; and Georgia Tartsch, cashier. **Upper right.** Bob Humiston details the functions of the main frame to a group of visitors.

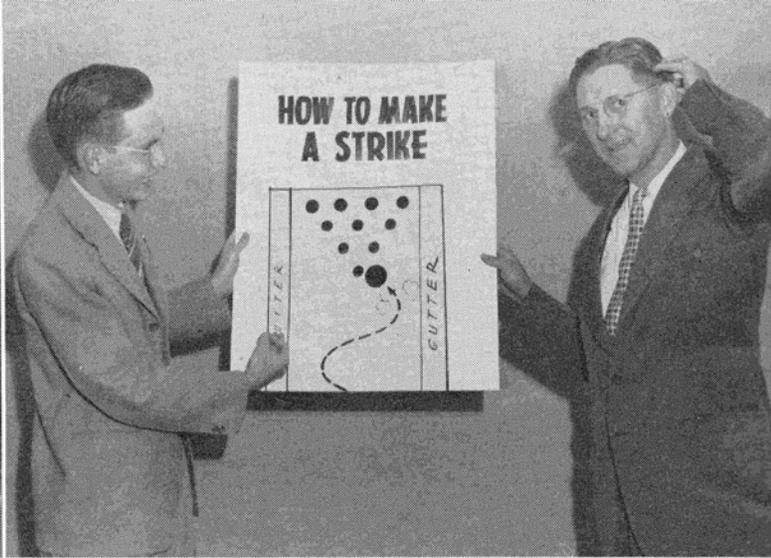


**Early visitors view the battery supply equipment with Wire Chief Joe Abrams as narrator.**





Iva Mae Ost, the scorekeeper, seems to be very happy about somebody's score. She probably has good reason because the revenue team walked off with top honors in the lady's league. Left to right, Gladys Holscher, Shirley Bonnell, Miss Ost, Dorothy Miller and Phyllis Lickei. Another team member, Frances Koontz, is not pictured.



One of the leading contenders for the cellar position, Dick Hansen, who averaged a droopy 96, expostulates with league leading Howard Spahnle, 176 average, on the matter of proper form and technique. Spahnle admits that it's too complicated for him.

## Champs Emerge As Bowling Season Winds Up

ON MAY 19, the curtain rolled down on the season for the two telephone employees bowling leagues which have been taking over the Bowlmor alleys every Wednesday evening since last September. From the number of participants involved and the interest engendered, this activity stands alone at the head of the field of employee sponsored recreation. The men rolled in a twelve team league while four teams of women bowlers filled the balance of the sixteen alleys. Christmas and New Year's Eves fell on Wednesday, as did one of the days of the telephone convention, and the resultant postponements caused the season to

extend three weeks beyond its normal span; so it was that when the grand finals at last arrived most of the athletes were ready to dust off their thumbs and be content. More than 130 employees rolled more or less regularly during the course of the season.

Competition was exceptionally keen in both leagues. The Disbursement and Revenue teams won their respective halves of the split season in the Women's League while in the Men's League the Outside Service team staged a great come-back to again emerge as high team, after defeating the General Commercials in a roll-off on the last night of play.

Howard Spahnle and Virginia Anderson, perennial champions, again led their leagues in the average lists. Howard's 176 was three points better than Bedric Wanek's mark of 173. High game of 241 was shared by Mr. Spahnle and Ken Lawson, with the latter claiming the high (Continued on Page 14)



Virginia Anderson of the Lincoln business office walked away with high honors in the girls' division with a snappy 141 average.



The perennial champs, the Outside Service team, came out on top of the league again this year after an uphill fight. Pictured complete with rooting section they are, left to right, Les Livingston, Alex Geist, B. D. Pattison, John Fisher with his cute little son, Johnny LeRoy, Rex Winders and Russ White. The "won't say die" rooters are Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Winders, Mrs. Geist and Mrs. Bedric Wanek.

# Miracle at Flat Rock

When an explosion completely demolished the new dial office building at Flat Rock, Michigan, recently, all the town's nearly 1000 dial telephones were knocked out of service. The explosion, which was attributed to gas seeping into the unattended building from an outside source, shattered the Winter quiet of the community in the early afternoon. All four walls were blown out and the roof blasted skyward; sections of it damaged a nearby dwelling. Some windows as far as two blocks away were broken and several persons were injured by flying glass.

Yet, when the dust had rolled away, a miracle was revealed. In the middle of what had been a room, the dial switching equipment stood upright and apparently undamaged. It was one of those things which just couldn't happen, but it did!

The **Wisconsin Telephone News** carried a story and pictures of the strange happening in a recent issue, and have kindly consented to its use in this magazine. Quoting in part from the article:

"Scarcely had the reverberations died away when word of the explosion was flashed from Michigan Bell's Toll office, two blocks away, to the telephone company's plant, engineering and commercial people and Western Electric forces in Detroit and nearby towns. Immediately they swung into action. Prepared for the worst, they had arranged for emergency service in Flat Rock and rounded up enough equipment to set up an entirely new telephone system in the town.

But the worst hadn't happened.

"The dial equipment, including small switches with thousands of tiny, precision built parts, had withstood the blast with little damage. Close examination revealed most of it could be put into working order soon. Two badly



damaged selector switches and some charred insulated cords were replaced. The telephone men went to work with brushes and compressed air machines to clean the switches. In less than four hours local service was restored to all 34 public telephones in Flat Rock and emergency service was provided to a dozen stations for the police, firemen, doctors, the hospital and other persons and establishments providing vital services. By 12:30 A. M. service had been restored to all but 21 of the nearly 1000 telephones, and by 4 A. M. all were in working order.

"Meanwhile construction men cleared away debris and erected a temporary framework for the protection of equipment and workers. An outside hot water heater forced hot air into the structure—and none too early. A freezing rain soon began to fall.

"As soon as practicable after normal service was restored, Michigan Bell began construction of a new permanent building inside the temporary structure. The ruined building had been in use only two months and two days when the explosion occurred."

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## Max Walker Succeeds Clayton Liebhart As District Plant Manager At Lincoln



Max C. Walker

MAX WALKER'S appointment as district plant manager of the Central District at Lincoln effective June 1 has been announced by F. E. Behm, general plant superintendent. Mr. Walker succeeds Clayton H. Liebhart who will retire on August 1 after more than forty-four years of service in the telephone business. Mr. Liebhart will continue on the general plant superintendent's staff until his retirement in order to assist in familiarizing Mr. Walker with his new duties and responsibilities.

Mr. Walker needs no introduction to L. T. and T. circles in Lincoln, having begun his telephone career here as a switchman in September, 1926. Most of his telephone experience, however, has been obtained from his work in Hastings where he has been located since 1929 when he was transferred there as a switchboardman. He was advanced to wire chief in 1939 and held that position until his present appointment.

In addition to his fine background of nearly twenty-two years of practical experience in plant work, Mr. Walker has the enviable faculty of making friends easily and has demonstrated a splendid administrative ability and much initiative. He gets along well with the folks who work with him because he knows his business and exercises good judgment—qualifications which are quickly recognized and respected. He takes an



Clayton H. Liebhart

active interest in employee activities also, among other things being a bowler of no mean ability and taking a whirl on the golf links occasionally during employee tournaments. For a number of years he has been a director of the Telephone Employees Mutual Benefit Association and is a member of the Frank H. Woods Chapter of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association. At Hastings he is a member of Hastings Lodge 159, B.P.O. Elks, the Knights of Pythias and Lions Club and is a past president of the Hastings Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Liebhart holds the unique distinction of having been stationed at Lincoln throughout the entire course of his long and useful record as a practical telephone man, during the last fourteen years of which he has held the position of district plant manager of the Central District. After a brief term of employment with Western Union, he went to work as an installer's helper for the Nebraska (Bell) Telephone Company in June, 1904. He recalls that at about that time Sam Hensley was wire chief and William "Bill" Cunningham was city foreman, names which are familiar to many of the "old timers" in the Company. He remembers many an excursion looking for line trouble in a one horse rig during which he was frequently accompanied by Mr. Cunningham.

After holding various positions with the Bell company, including those of installer, lineman and switchboardman, Mr. Liebhart joined our Company as an installer at the time of the consolidation of the two telephone companies in 1912. He was made an inspector in 1916 and was promoted to the position of wire chief in 1918 which position he held until he became district plant manager in 1934.

"Lieb," as he is known to his many friends in the organization, has no plans which will take him out of Lincoln, at least at the present time. He tells us that he has many things around home which he has been planning to do for a long time and he believes that the time has at last arrived when he will be able to get at them. Following its usual custom, the Company will present him with a life membership in the Frank H. Woods Chapter of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association, of which he is a charter member, at the time of his retirement.

### Company Sponsors Army Signal Corps Unit

ANNOUNCEMENT was made last month by John H. Agee, vice president and general manager, of the Company sponsorship of an Army Signal Corps Unit under the Affiliated Reserve plan. These units will have practically the same status as any Reserve Unit but are under the sponsorship of the Company and are particularly desired by the Chief Signal Officer.

The units may be composed of both enlisted and officer personnel. Assignment to these units is not restricted to employees of the Company, though Company employees will command each unit. Present Army regulations provide that persons with no previous military experience may enlist in Reserve Components.

Any employee or sons of employees who are interested in obtaining more information regarding this matter may write or call on Waldo McDowell or F. W. Morris in the Lincoln business office.

## Anderson Household Under New Management

THE flame of justice is burning brightly in the household of Russell and Cecile Anderson these days, and it's high time too. For years Russ has had things pretty much his own way around home, during the day at least. He was the lord and master of all he surveyed and his slightest wish was quickly fulfilled. Of course



Cecile H. Anderson

we wouldn't go so far as to say that matters were not handled in an orderly and efficient manner or that Russ wasn't a good manager but we'll readily admit that we don't run things at our house and it has been a pet peeve of ours for a long time that he could get away with it at his house when we couldn't at ours. We're against dictatorship in any form. It just isn't democratic.

All of that is changed now, however, and Russ has been relegated to the level of the rest of us poor, long-suffering husbands as second in command. It all came about, of course, when that wonderful wife of his decided to retire after thirty years of working for the L. T. and T. Company and enjoy more fully the home life that has meant so much to her and Russ. Things naturally don't seem the same here since she left and they probably won't for a long time. Everyone in the Commercial Department has come to depend upon Mrs. Anderson for so many things for such a long time that the adjustment won't be easy. "Andy" always knew the answer and it always seemed that no matter how busy she was, nothing was ever too much trouble.

The occasion of her leaving called for something extra special and after much conspiring and mysterious goings on (in which, of course, Russ was a ring leader) they decided upon a surprise party. Everyone in the Business Office, with the exception of two who were ill, converged on

the Anderson domicile on the evening of May 28 while "Andy" was getting ready for what she thought was an evening out and it was a party that we're sure she will long remember. After a wonderful chicken dinner, Mr. K. B. Cary, district commercial manager, took the spot light and presented Mrs. Anderson with two lovely gifts from her Business Office friends and expressed his deep appreciation as well as that of the Company for her many years of loyal and efficient service. The evening was concluded with a variety of games.

Mrs. Anderson has been in the telephone business since April, 1918, when she took a job with the Northwestern Bell in their Des Moines Accounting Department. She joined our Company in December, 1919, as a clerk in the Business Office and the next year was named as cashier. Since 1933 she has been in charge of the issuing of orders in Lincoln and has handled the collection of Government accounts, holding the title of senior supervisor.

We're going to miss you, Andy, especially around directory closing time, so don't forget to drop around occasionally. She and Russ, of course, will continue to make their home at 6304 Lexington and we're sure they would appreciate some visits from their friends.

## One Extension or Two?

The young sergeant was passing out apricots in small dishes to the chow line. He decided to experiment. He asked the next few men as they came by, "You don't want any apricots, do you?" And 90% of them said no.

To the question, "You want apricots, don't you?" approximately 50% answered, "Yes, I'll take some."

The sergeant then started asking, "One dish of apricots or two?" And despite the fact that many soldiers don't like Army apricots, 40% took two dishes, and 50% took one.

Might be a good technique for selling extension telephones—that is, of course, when the time comes that we start pushing them again.

## Wet Switchboard Causes Trouble at Auburn

THE quick thinking of Myron Birdsley, combinationman at Auburn, averted a serious condition in the Auburn operating department last month.

When the air conditioner was turned on, a water pipe running above the rafters over the switchboard sprung a leak and for a few minutes before the water could



Myron Birdsley

be turned off the board took a drenching. The incident happened during the lunch period and while Area Manager Sterling Nelson was on his way to the scene, Mr. Birdsley grabbed an Electrolux vacuum cleaner and began sucking the water out of the jacks on the board, thus averting damage which could easily have been much more serious. As it was about 200 subscribers were out of service for nearly 45 minutes while Nelson and Birdsley were mopping up the water and drying out the two and one-half positions on the board that were soaked. With the assistance of George Damon, George Eggleston and Jack Little, who came in later, they worked until well into the evening making permanent repairs.

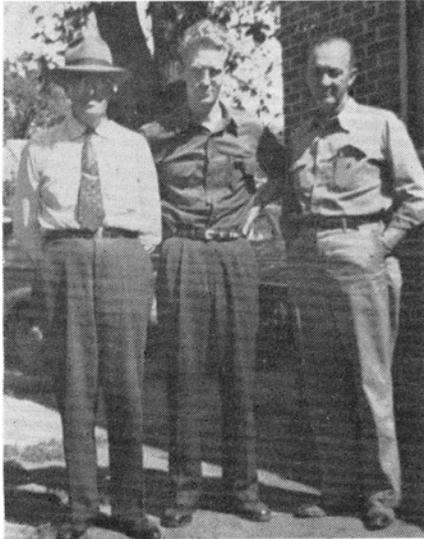
The water pipe has now been rerouted to prevent a recurrence of the situation and everything is again serene at Auburn. The amazing part of the incident is that not a single customer called in to complain about the service interruption.

BEDRIC WANEK, Lincoln service department, attended the American Bowling Congress at Detroit last month as a member of the Gold Cup team. Rolling in the singles, doubles and team events he posted, in that order, scores of 552, 618 and 521 for a healthy total which will undoubtedly qualify him as a prize winner at the conclusion of the annual bowling event.

## Dial Service For Bruning

BRUNING, in Thayer County, became the Company's fifty-first dial operated exchange on May 20 when the new 100-line Automatic Electric switchboard unit was cut into service. The new quarters are centrally located in an annex to the post office building.

The telephone was brought to the community with the organization of the Bruning Home Telephone Company by Herman Bruning in January, 1905. Until this time the neighborhood was almost devoid of telephones, there being only 92 in the entire county in 1900, an average of six telephones per 1,000 population. The growth of the Bruning Company and several other independent concerns in the county,



The accompanying scenes of the Bruning conversion were among those taken by Elmer Moorehead of Geneva. Above, D. C. Wilson, district wire chief; Clarence Schleufer and Ralph Wait, district clerk at Hastings. Below, H. G. Taedter, Ernie Wellman, Fred McCormick, Don McKean, Chuck Salisbury and Reno Weis, who installed the new dial telephones.



boosted this figure to an average of 83 telephones per 1,000 population in 1908. The Bruning exchange, with its 278 stations in service, was purchased by the Lincoln Company in May, 1920, and has since been operated as a unit of this organization.

The dial unit was installed by District Installation Supervisor George Keith and his crew of Robert Wohlberg, Ernest M. Barney, Herb Jenkins and Dick Bauer. The drop runs and instrument installations were made by Western District forces under District Wire Chief "Doc" Wilson's watchful eye. Helping in this phase of the conversion were Clarence Schleufer, E. H. Wellman, Reno Weis, Ralph Wait, Fredie McCormick, Don McKean and H. G. Taedter.

Three construction crews under Lyle Piper, Otto F. Buck and G. A. Foster worked at rebuilding the outside plant, ably followed up by splicer Roy Mills and his helpers. Equipment shortages and several other causes have combined to delay the cutover several months beyond the date originally scheduled.

Mrs. M. Maude Anderson, who has had charge of the exchange as contract chief operator has been transferred to the Hebron traffic department.

## Pioneer Banquet

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son, instructor of music at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Mrs. Pearl O'Hehir was the piano accompanist, Kent Eno the stage lights technician and J. S. Jackson operated the spot light.

The variety program consisted of a tenor solo by "Bud" Eden, a novelty dance by Ima Jeanne Wear and

Elaine Scovell, "Impressions of the Gay Nineties" by Tom Longdon, a duet by Marie Jackson and "Dick" Welch, accordion selections by Gene Schrank, a baritone solo, accompanied by the chorus, by "Dick" Welch, tap dancing by Evelyn Hamilton accompanied on the piano by Charlene Moore, and barbershop harmonizing by the "Pionaires," a quartet composed of Roy Mills, Chauncey Eggers, George Walroth and A. B. Gorman. Claude Helm, who was originally slated to accompany Mrs. Hamilton, was unable to be present because of illness.

Mr. Walroth has asked us to express the appreciation of the Chapter for the time and effort devoted by the committee members and the cast in preparation for the banquet and program. Arrangements for the minstrel show were initiated in January and, beginning in February, the cast spent one or two evenings each week in rehearsal. Much credit is due also to our personnel director, Guy O. Seaton and to the music director, Leonard Paulson, for their assistance in the organization of the program. We also wish to give a big vote of thanks to the piano accompanist, Mrs. Pearl O'Hehir, for the many hours that she devoted not only in chorus rehearsals, but also to her time and personal interest in rehearsing with the individual acts. Although it was no small undertaking, everyone who participated agreed that the show was a lot of fun and well worth the effort.

The committee was composed of the following: Joe Hartley, publicity; Howard Spahnle, food and accommodations; Melba Richards, reception; Dorothy Lefler, ticket sales; Chauncey Eggers, entertainment; Waldo McDowell, properties and costumes; and R. D. Andrews, door prizes. A. B. Gorman acted as toastmaster at the banquet and was general chairman of the committee.

The banquet and reunion culminated an active year of social events for the Chapter during which eight parties were held, three of which were in Lincoln and five were at various territorial points. Total attendance at the parties was about 525.

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## Nice Letter From Hastings Chamber of Commerce

OUR founder, Mr. Frank H. Woods, last month received a very nice letter from Mr. Dwight Havens, manager of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, complimenting the Company on its excellent service to Hastings and extending congratulations to Mr. Woods and to the Company upon the occasion of our 45th anniversary.

Mr. Havens wrote, "The Hastings Chamber of Commerce wishes to join with the Company, its employees, and your many friends in paying tribute to you as the founder of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company. That the Company has been so tremendously successful must indeed be a source of great pride that you could play so important a part in bringing a public service company into being, and play so great a part in making it successful in its service to the people.

"We would like to add that we are most appreciative of the important position which the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company occupies in our own community. We are grateful not only for the excellent service which they render, but for the entire cooperation which we get from the officers and employees. We are proud that Hastings is served by the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company.

"We extend congratulations to you on your 45th service anniversary

and wish for you continued success and successful affiliation with the Company which you founded."

Mr. Woods, of course, returned a most appropriate reply in which he expressed the sincere appreciation of the Company, its employees and himself for this thoughtful and complimentary expression. His letter said in part, "When you tell us in effect that Hastings is glad to be served by our Company, that you appreciate our service and that you like our people and find them cooperative components of your community, you give us the real human inspiration to continue to do our best to merit that appraisal. Such letters go far toward the encouragement and inspiration which any company needs to do its best and which any community needs to get the best from its services.

"The personal phase of your message is not unnoticed. I am proud of the Telephone Company, not for what I have done for it, but for what it may have done, and by the word itself, a company is a group you know. Over the years our task would have been easier and much more encouraged had we always had and from all places the fine spirit of cooperation which you have so generously messaged to us from Hastings."

## Benefit Claims Paid

THE following claims were paid by the Telephone Employees Mutual Benefit Association during the month of May.

Primary members: Hazel Neman, Lincoln Traffic \$37.50; George A. Wasson, Construction Department, \$157.50; Anna K. Menninga, Beatrice Traffic, \$83.50; Herbert Huddleston, Supply Department, \$117.50; C. W. Helm, Lincoln Commercial \$15.00; Rose Riggs, Accounting Department, \$15.50.

Dependents: Mrs. D. E. Aydelott, Lincoln, \$133.13; Mrs. B. D. Pattison, Lincoln, \$180.00; Mrs. C. S. Nevin, Lincoln, \$40.88; RoJean Fritz, Lincoln, \$41.25; RoJean Fritz, Lincoln, \$22.50.

The first round-the-world conversation by wire and radio telephone was made in April, 1935. It originated in New York.

## New Associate Editor

WE'RE happy to introduce your new associate editor for the second floor offices of the General Office Building, Miss Barbara Kaiser, in case you're unfortunate enough not to know her already. Barbara has been doing a fine job of reporting for the past couple of months and you probably have read some of her accounts of second floor doings.



Barbara Kaiser

The assignment is not entirely new to her, however. She formerly was employed with the Construction Department and occasionally stepped in to pinch hit for the associate editor there during vacations and such. She is now a stenographer in the office of the General Plant Superintendent and this month is observing her second anniversary of service with the Company.

## Merle Hale Speaks At Two Telephone Meetings

MERLE M. HALE, general commercial superintendent, appeared as a speaker on the programs of two telephone meetings recently. At the Executives Conference of the United States Independent Telephone Association held this spring at Chicago he delivered an address on the subject of "Putting Your House in Order Before Applying for Rate Adjustments," in which he detailed the various phases of preparations for applications for rate adjustments before regulatory bodies. His talk included an explanation of the procedure followed by our Company in its recent case before the Nebraska State Railway Commission.

Last month he traveled to Pittsburgh where he addressed the Pennsylvania State Telephone Convention on the subject, "Commercial Aspects of Mobile Radiotelephone Service."



The following list of new employees is published as a gesture of friendly welcome and to help them get acquainted. We hope that they will enjoy their new occupation as well as the many fine associations that go with it.

NAME	EXCHANGE	TITLE	DATE EMPLOYED
<b>Commercial</b>			
Mary Golden.....	Hastings.....	Clerk.....	May 6, 1948
<b>Construction</b>			
C. W. Edwards.....	Lincoln.....	Groundman.....	April 20, 1948
Merle M. Heath.....	Hastings.....	Groundman.....	April 26, 1948
Louis L. Kehoe.....	Hastings.....	Groundman.....	May 17, 1948
L. W. Ward.....	Lincoln.....	Groundman.....	April 19, 1948
R. L. White.....	Lincoln.....	Groundman.....	April 26, 1948
<b>Service</b>			
Leslie Davies.....	Lincoln.....	Janitor.....	May 5, 1948
Velva M. Ossowski.....	Plattsmouth.....	Janitress.....	May 1, 1948
Robert Thompson.....	Lincoln.....	Groundman.....	May 20, 1948
<b>Supply</b>			
<b>Garage</b>			
Ross W. Lane, Jr.....	Lincoln.....	Serviceman.....	April 27, 1948
<b>Traffic</b>			
Patricia A. Barnes.....	Hebron.....	A Operator.....	May 17, 1948
Joyce Blanton.....	Fairbury.....	A Operator.....	May 17, 1948
Sylvia Bowman.....	Beatrice.....	A Operator.....	May 17, 1948
Helen Boydston.....	Lincoln.....	L Operator.....	May 18, 1948
Kathryn Campbell.....	York.....	A Operator.....	May 3, 1948
Theresa Carter.....	Lincoln.....	A Operator.....	April 27, 1948
Elsie Cooper.....	Beatrice.....	A Operator.....	May 17, 1948
Imogene Cummings.....	Fairbury.....	A Operator.....	April 26, 1948
Sherlie Cummings.....	York.....	A&L Operator.....	May 3, 1948
Genevieve E. Elward.....	Lincoln.....	A Operator.....	May 11, 1948
Rose M. Erdkamp.....	Exeter.....	A&L Operator.....	April 24, 1948
Leah I. Ewerth.....	Lincoln.....	Ass't Cook.....	May 24, 1948
Arleen Fitzpatrick.....	Lincoln.....	A Operator.....	May 11, 1948
Rethel G. Falk.....	Beatrice.....	A Operator.....	May 20, 1948
Ruth Gentry.....	Beaver Crossing.....	A&L Operator.....	May 24, 1948
Mary A. Glass.....	Valparaiso.....	Chief Opr.—Cashier.....	May 16, 1948
Shirley Gruber.....	Nebraska City.....	A Operator.....	May 17, 1948
Frances Hoffman.....	Hastings.....	A Operator.....	May 17, 1948
Margaret Oltmann.....	Tecumseh.....	A&L Operator.....	May 24, 1948
Marian Rasmussen.....	York.....	A&L Operator.....	May 10, 1948
Helen Roberts.....	Hastings.....	A Operator.....	May 17, 1948
Elizabeth Scheiding.....	Hastings.....	A&L Operator.....	May 1, 1948
Johanna Schiefelbein.....	Hastings.....	A Operator.....	May 17, 1948
Lavon R. Schwab.....	York.....	A Operator.....	May 3, 1948
Bonnie Shoup.....	Beatrice.....	A Operator.....	May 24, 1948
Gretta Sherrill.....	Beatrice.....	A Operator.....	May 24, 1948
Anna Simpson.....	Dorchester.....	Chief Oper.—Cashier.....	April 20, 1948
Belle Sims.....	Ohiowa.....	Acting Chief Opr.—Cashier.....	May 18, 1948
Jennie Snow.....	Auburn.....	A Operator.....	May 10, 1948
Maxine Stolzenburg.....	Geneva.....	A Operator.....	May 10, 1948
Frances Steider.....	Geneva.....	A Operator.....	May 17, 1948
Jacqueline A. Tolle.....	Milford.....	A&L Operator.....	April 26, 1948
Earlene Witt.....	Hastings.....	A&L Operator.....	May 1, 1948
Leona Woznick.....	Lincoln.....	L Operator.....	May 18, 1948

## JOURNEY'S END

MRS. IDA BOLING, mother of R. D. Boling, Construction foreman, passed away in Lincoln April 28. Funeral services were held at Liberty, Nebraska, on April 30.

MRS. LULU E. ARNOLD, wife of George Arnold of the Service Department, passed away suddenly at her home in Lincoln May 12. Funeral services were held at Wadlow's on May 14, and burial was at Nebraska City.

MRS. BERTHA BISHOP, mother of Mrs. Ferne Houglund, night operator at Utica, died May 12 at Memphis, Tenn. Funeral services were held May 15 at Utica.

THE INFANT SON of Mr. and Mrs. George Wasson died May 16 in Lincoln. Graveside services were held at Wyuka on May 17.

MRS. EMMA FAIR, mother of H. W. Cane of the Engineering Department, passed away May 17 at Galesburg, Ill. Funeral services were held at Gresham on May 20.

Funeral services for S/Sgt. MER-RILL E. GREEN, who died June 14, 1943 near Port Moresby, New Guinea, were held May 26 at Epworth Methodist Church in Lincoln. Sgt. Green was the son of Robert M. Green of the Lincoln Service Department.

MR. JOHN ELMSHAUSER, father of Hedwig Elmshausen of the Beatrice Traffic Department, died Wednesday, May 26, 1948. Funeral services were held Friday, May 28 at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Beatrice.

## Notes On the New Look

Indiana Telephone News: Fashion predicts that girls will be wearing their legs still shorter next year.

Associated Circle: The trouble with the New Look is that you have to look twice as long to see half as much.

Lincoln Telephone News: Ugh!



Norma Schneider of the York Traffic Department became the bride of Francis DeBoer on May 2, at the United Brethren Church at York. Mrs. DeBoer will continue her work.

JoAnn McDonald, Hastings Traffic Department, was united in marriage on May 1 to Dean Quaintance at the First Methodist Church in Hastings. Mrs. Quaintance has resigned her position and the couple will reside in Hastings.

The marriage of Dorothy Evers, Hastings Traffic Department, and Lloyd Colfax of Grand Island, was solemnized on May 16 at the Trinity Methodist Church in Grand Island. Mrs. Colfax has resigned her position and the couple will reside in Grand Island.

A home ceremony, performed May 7 in Fairbury, united Marion Jean Thompson and Norman Beasley in marriage. After a honeymoon to Denver, the couple will reside in Fairbury.

Marjorie Lampe of the Auburn Traffic Department became the bride of Alvin C. DuBuhr of Auburn on April 29 in Auburn. After a short trip to Burlington, Iowa, the couple returned to Auburn where they will reside.

Bonnie Jean Funkhouser of the Beatrice Traffic Department became the bride of Norris B. Weier of Daykin on May 1 at the First Christian Church in Beatrice. After a honeymoon, the couple will reside in Beatrice.

Arthur Lamberson of the Lincoln Service Department and Doris Ann Sullivan, a former employee of the Service Department, have announced their marriage which took place on July 25, 1947, at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

LaWanna Graham, Lincoln Traffic Department, and William Bacon were united in marriage at Pawnee City on April 30 at the home of

## Promotions, Transfers, Title Changes

### Accounting

Anna M. Schneider, A&L operator, Lincoln Traffic, to clerk, Accounting.

Gloria Zier, machine operator to advanced clerk, Accounting.

### Commercial

Avis Arlene Rollins, typist to stenographer, General Commercial.

### Non-Functional

Wilma Grupe Stolzenburg, appointed junior secretary, District Office, Beatrice.

### Plant

Claud Clary, Jr., switchman, Lincoln Service, to combinationman, Beatrice Service.

James Greenlee, janitor to warehouseman, Supply.

W. J. Knudson, garage mechanic to equipment repairman, Supply.

L. P. Livingston, switchman to tester, Service.

John E. Turner, groundman to lineman, Construction.

### Traffic

Eunice M. Applegate, A operator to A&L operator, Weeping Water.

Ina Bower, A operator to A&L operator, Ashland.

Ardis G. Bishop, A&L operator to A&L supervisor, York.

Eileen M. Case, A&L operator, Weeping Water, to A&L operator, Plattsmouth.

Florine V. Clark, A operator to A&L operator, Auburn.

Mildred L. Eschen, A&L operator, Peru, to A&L operator, Nebraska City.

Mary A. Glass, appointed chief operator-cashier, Valparaiso.

Leola Heins, A&L operator, to instructor, David City.

Ruth M. Howard, A operator to A&L operator, Lincoln.



**Wilma Grupe Stolzenburg**  
Appointed Jr. Secretary Beatrice

Arline Johnson, A operator to A&L operator, Hastings.

Edna Johnson, A operator to A&L operator, Nebraska City.

Mary Johnson, A operator to A&L operator, Lincoln.

Colleen Kort, A operator to A&L operator, Hastings.

Loretta Lightcap, A operator to A&L operator, Lincoln.

Doris Lukas, A operator to A&L operator, Wahoo.

Marjorie Moler, A operator to A&L operator, Hastings.

Patricia Morrow, L operator to A&L operator, Lincoln.

Elmena M. Railsback, evening chief operator, Peru, to A&L operator, Nebraska City.

Yvonne Rakestraw, A operator to A&L operator, Hastings.

Mildred A. Schmidt, A operator to A&L operator, Beatrice.

Shirley Snyder, A&L operator to A&L instructor, Auburn.

Mary Watkins, A operator to A&L operator, Nebraska City.

Donna Weaver, A operator to A&L operator, Beatrice.

Phyllis J. Workman, A operator to A&L operator, Beatrice.

the groom. Mrs. Bacon is continuing her work.

The marriage of Marion Jelinek of the Lincoln Traffic Department and Jack Staberg of the Lincoln Service Department was solemnized on May 1 at the Trinity Methodist Church in Lincoln. Mrs. Staberg is continuing her work.

Helen Knott, operator at Lincoln, and Arthur Sexton, Jr., were united in marriage on May 17 at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

### Coaxial Cable From Omaha to Sioux City

THE work of plowing in a new coaxial cable to extend from Omaha to Sioux City will be started this fall, the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company announced recently. The 116 mile cable will make available about 900 circuits and is expected to be placed in service by the end of 1949. After the cable is installed, two pole lines linking the two cities will be removed.

# Mighty LT&T Minstrels ENTERTAIN the PIONEERS



At the speakers' table, left to right: Otto Nelsen, secretary, and Mrs. Nelsen; Myrtle Liner, treasurer; George Walroth, president; A.B. Gorman, toastmaster, and Mrs. Gorman; Mrs. O.L. Sturtevant, and Mr. Sturtevant, vice president.



The "Grand Finale" with the entire cast participating. Interlocutor Bill Quinn is directly behind the microphone.



Probably the happiest one at the banquet, at least at this moment, was Frances Virgil, accounting department, who won the door prize, a table model radio. Rod Andrews, seated, has just presented it to her.



Marie Jackson, soprano, and Dick Welch, baritone, blend their voices in some beautiful duets.



Bud Eden, tenor soloist, got a big hand from an appreciative audience.



Two classy dancers - Elaine Scovell and Ima Jeanne Wear.

Tom Longdon laid them in the aisles with his "Impressions of the Gay Nineties" ~ ~ ~

The delegation from Hastings and Sutton chartered a bus to be on hand and receive a royal welcome ~ ~ ~ ~



Following the banquet President George E. Walroth reviewed the Chapter's activities and spoke on the subject of Fellowship.



Part of the Pioneer gathering, awaiting the dinner hour . . .



Piano accompanists Charlene Moore and Pearl O'Hehir with Leonard Paulson, director of music for the show.



Evelyn Hamilton brought down the house with her tap dancing.



Gene Shrank was one of the favorite performers with his accordion ~ ~



Lincoln Traffic Pioneers, left to right: Hazel Nicholls, Mary Emerson; Nellie Mae Hunt and her sister, Bessie; Vera Wasson and Ruth Goslin . .



The "Pionaires" give out with some good old barber shop harmony. Left to right: George Walroth, Roy Mills, A.B. Gorman and Chauncey Eggers ~ ~



Enjoying a pleasant visit are, left to right: Mrs. Arthur Keckler, Vern Campbell, Roy Cleveland, Joy Dobbs, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. William Hassler, Mrs. Dobbs, Mrs. Cleveland and Mr. Hassler.



Dick Welch gave a superb performance as the baritone soloist in "Old Man River" with the support of the chorus.



# Service Birthdays



**Eva Kapke  
Seward  
30 Years**



**Blanche McConkey  
Guide Rock  
30 Years**



**Nona Brusnahan  
Friend  
25 Years**



**R. A. Carlson  
Lincoln  
25 Years**



**Dewey Olsen  
Wahoo  
20 Years**

### Thirty-Eight Years

H. M. Zimmerman, Lincoln.

### Thirty-Seven Years

C. B. Meshier, Beatrice.

### Thirty-Five Years

Frances Virgil, Lincoln.

### Thirty-Four Years

S. J. Dennis, Lincoln.

### Thirty-Two Years

R. S. Baldwin, G. B. Keith, Lincoln.

### Thirty-One Years

W. P. Shuck, Lincoln.

### Thirty Years

Eva Kapke, Seward; Blanche McConkey, Guide Rock.

### Twenty-Nine Years

Regina Bethscheider, Hebron; Caroline M. Lamps, Hastings.

### Twenty-Eight Years

D. R. Culbertson, York.

### Twenty-Seven Years

J. J. Brockmeyer, Beatrice; Georgia M. Smith, Lincoln.

### Twenty-Six Years

R. L. Clinton, Lincoln; Hazel Hagenbuck, Wahoo.

### Twenty-Five Years

Nona Brusnahan, Friend; R. A. Carlson, Lincoln.

### Twenty-Four Years

T. B. Chinnock, Lincoln; Grace Lux, Shelby.



**J. E. Smith  
Lincoln  
20 Years**



**Ruth Rittenhouse  
Hebron  
10 Years**

### Twenty-Three Years

M. M. Hale, M. H. Metcalf, Lincoln.

### Twenty-One Years

Minnie I. Allen, I. J. Devoe, V. M. Simpson, Rex Winders, Lincoln; H. O. Gillespie, Beatrice; E. T. Little, Auburn; E. M. Massie, Friend.

### Twenty Years

Dewey Olsen, Wahoo; J. E. Smith, Lincoln.

### Nineteen Years

Moreane Alldritt, Hastings; E. A. Ernst, Syracuse; Ivan C. Haith, Humboldt; R. E. Mills, W. T. Nyden, Lincoln.

### Seventeen Years

Melba Richards, Lincoln.

### Fourteen Years

G. L. Oglesby, Wymore; Marie Vidlock, Lincoln.

### Thirteen Years

Rolland R. Winders, Lincoln.

### Twelve Years

Beatrice Rohrer, Hastings.

### Eleven Years

Philip J. Garvey, Lincoln.

### Ten Years

Ruth Rittenhouse, Hebron.

### Seven Years

Mary Estes, Tecumseh; Ruth M. Haga, Beatrice; W. D. Quinn, B. M. Wedgewood, Lincoln.

### Six Years

Jacob Albrandt, Lincoln; Merna Stewart, David City.

### Five Years

Ella C. Adkins, David City; Barbara Benson, Phyllis Fellows, Maurine M. Harter, Lincoln; Max J. Brandt, Beatrice; Clara Goodfellow, Ashland; Helen Greiner, Seward; Mary Jackson, Fairbury; Margaret Lautenschlager, Davenport; H. E. Olsen, Wahoo.

## Bowling Champs

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series total of 593. Virginia came home on top of the list in both halves of the split season, her average of 141 being nine points higher than that of Ruth Marrow in second place. Virginia also garnered the high series with her 485 and high game honors went to Mrs. Del Gilmore with her mark of 189.

The season was officially closed with the annual dinners and business meetings, which were held too late to meet the dead-line for this issue of the News. These affairs will be described and pictured in next month's edition.



## Eastern District

Ruth Mays, Associate Editor

David City

Vivian Dee, Correspondent.

Our donation to the "scandal sheet" seems to be getting less each month. With everyone in the office married or practically married now, there isn't much exciting news. . . . The girls had their May Breakfast at the City Cafe. Even though it was early in the morning, everyone ate hale and hearty. . . . Recent Lincoln shoppers were Pat Emerson, Emily Hanus and Margaret Cornell. . . . Margaret Ann Rech and Gloria Humlicek made trips into Omaha and came home with "new looks" . . . Nadine Smith spent last week visiting relatives at Palmer, Nebraska. . . . Those attending the Pioneer banquet were Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Irene Swan, Camilla Selzer and Lena Conrad. . . . The front entrance of the building has been remodeled with a new doorway similar to the one at Nebraska City. . . . "Hap" Bull, a former employee of the Company, was a visitor of the Plant Department.

Nebraska City

Betty Ballour, Correspondent

Comes the month of May and we have only one new diamond flasher. "Susie" Schneider has a big smile for everyone. . . . We also received an announcement of Doris Walker's approaching wedding. . . . We have some new people too, Elmena Railsback and Mildred Eschen were transferred here from Peru. Peru recently changed to the dial system. Also new is Shirley Gruber. . . . We keep our teacher, Mary Bartzelle, pretty busy. She just finished toll training with Edna Jacobson and Mary Watkins. . . . Good luck all you new girls, and welcome to our plug-pushing gang . . . We are glad to see Nellie Curttright again after her illness. Lois Barta has also been on our sick list. . . . Speaking of sickness, Mrs. Placek was off several days caring for her daughter who was pretty sick with the measles. "Snook" Steckley's daughter, Linda Lou, also had the measles. . . . Birthdays for May are Margaret Wademan, Betty Eaton and Mary Bartzelle. . . . A former employee, Marilyn (Holmberg) Carper, has a new daughter. Congratu-

lations to the new aunt—Barbara! . . . Ardel Freudenberg recently spent a week-end in Lincoln. . . . Maxine Meyer and Betty Balfour spent a day in Shubert visiting Betty's parents. . . . Mrs. Stock spent a day in Lincoln. . . . Recent visitors at the office have been Norma Gore, Mrs. John Staack and Phyllis Adams—all former members of our gang. . . . Violet Peterson and her mother have at last moved to their little house. . . . Jacquie Boldra, Edna Jacobson and Mrs. Ethyl Armstrong have found themselves apartments—Happy People!!

Plattsmouth

Georgia Tartsch, Correspondent

Mrs. Hilda Johans spent a few days at Decatur, Illinois, visiting with her sister. . . . Georgia Tartsch spent the day of May 4th in Omaha visiting and shopping. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abrams recently spent a week-end visiting at Dorchester. . . . Mrs. Thelma Tritsch spent May 5th and 6th at Hastings attending the Episcopal Church conference. . . . Ben Anderson and family spent Sunday, May 20th, visiting at the Frank Anderson home at Union. . . . Eileen Case has returned to Plattsmouth after helping out at Weeping Water. We are all happy to have you back with us, Eileen.

Syracuse

Mrs. Iona Pieper, Correspondent

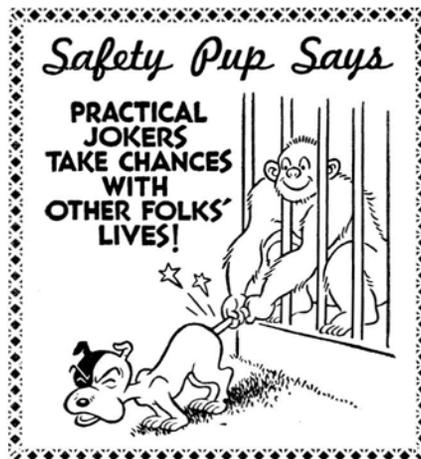
No doubt Donna Mae Lockhart will quit leaning against her boy-friend's car

door, as last Sunday afternoon while enjoying the beautiful, warm sunshine, the door of the car flew open and Donna Mae discovered herself out on the cement. We hope she isn't hurt too bad, but she has been using a pillow for her back while working at the switchboard. . . . Alice France also had a little difficulty when she sprained her ankle the other day. We are beginning to wonder what is going to happen next around here. . . . We wonder why Norma Dettmer looked so sleepy Monday morning, but maybe if we had followed her tracks over the week-end, we would have looked sleepy too—her husband's birthday was Sunday and they just had to celebrate. . . . Monday evening visitors from the Lincoln office were Mr. Donley, General Traffic Superintendent; Mr. Roy Carlson, Traffic Engineer; Melba Richards, Lincoln Chief Operator; and Miss Frances Harmon, Supervisor of Methods. We hope you enjoyed your short visit. . . . We hear that Alice France is taking time out in the afternoon to sit in the sun. We need only to take one glance to see she is getting a good tan. . . . Since school is out, Mrs. Bock has not had to work too many hours, so we hope she is enjoying her vacation, cleaning house. She took one day to go to Lincoln to do some shopping and returned home minus her money. . . . Mrs. Pieper and her husband recently spent a week-end visiting friends in Omaha. . . . We wonder what the big attraction was in Lincoln Thursday, as three of our operators went shopping. We can't blame Aldean Steinhoff for taking the whole day off, as she was celebrating her birthday.

Wahoo

Mae Meduna, Correspondent

Mrs. Alma Shearon, now of Sioux City, Iowa, visited Elizabeth Turnbull of Ceresco, May 9. Mrs. Shearon will be remembered as Chief Operator at Wymore and then David City, possibly 12 or 13 years ago and no doubt there are folks at these offices who still remember her. . . . On a bright and sunny morning, May 7, Elizabeth Turnbull, Chief Operator at Ceresco, hopped on her bicycle and peddled to Davey to visit Mrs. Armogast. Elizabeth says this is a good "limber upper"—just try it





Harlan Gillespie of the Beatrice plant department was high man in the Greater Beatrice Bowling League, averaging 177 for the season. His team, Beatrice Recreation, won the league crown with 64 games won and 41 lost. Left to right, Harlan Gillespie, John Traubel, Ralph Goodrich, Herman Wolters, Mike Moran and Al Hetherington. Our thanks to the Beatrice Times for the photograph.

sometime. . . . Opal Allison, Chief Operator at Beaver Crossing, visited her friends at the Ceresco exchange the week-end of May 23. We are always glad to see you Opal. . . . Mrs. Mathilda Kruse, Chief Operator at Valparaiso, resigned and left with her family May 22 to join her husband, Fred, at West Valley, New York, where he is working for an Independent Telephone Company. Mrs. Kruse has been with us two years while Fred will be remembered as a lineman on the Harry Moss gang. We extend our best wishes to the Kruses, was nice knowing you and working with you. . . . Mrs. Mary A. Glass of Omaha and sister of Mrs. Kruse, will be Chief Operator at Valparaiso and we wish you Good Luck! . . . Two birthdays in the Traffic Department were celebrated May 20 with a theatre party and lunch following at the Wigwam Cafe. Inez Olsen and Leona Lind were those honored and received lovely gifts. Many happy returns, girls.

**Weeping Water**  
*Georgia Tartsch, Correspondent*

Miss Pearl Sutton spent April 30 at Lincoln shopping. . . . A farewell picnic was given in honor of Eileen Case who has been working here temporarily and has returned to Plattsmouth.

## General Offices and Central District Accounting and Engineering Departments

*Mary Dietrich, Associate Editor*

Work in the Accounting Department was moving along quite smoothly the past month when a few men decided to

break up the routine. Bless 'em! The men we have reference to are the electricians and the acoustic workmen. As a result of their hours of labor this department is now adorned with a celestex ceiling and flourescent lighting. Also, the billing room is to have new floor covering and we understand there'll be a new coat of paint for the walls. We certainly do appreciate these additional features which will lend to our comfort during working hours. . . . Frances Virgil and Vic Musselman walked away with two of the three door prizes presented at the Pioneer Party. Frances received a lovely radio and Vic an electric clock. Members of this department that participated in the minstrel show which was given at the Pioneer Party were Esther Kehling, Geraldine Wart, Bud Eden, Gene Schrank and your associate editor. Bud gave out with two vocal numbers and Gene presented a trio of accordion numbers. . . . At this time we'd like to welcome Ann Schneider who was recently transferred from the Traffic Dept. We're hoping you'll enjoy your stay in this dept., Ann. . . . Gloria Zier has moved up the ladder to an Advanced Clerical rating and now occupies the position recently vacated by Dorothy Carlson. . . . Iva Mae Ost, Gladys Holscher, Phyllis Lickei, Frances Koontz and Dorothy Miller of the Service Dept. kept the "Revenue" bowling team in the top spot for the last half of the bowling season. . . . Well, vacation time is now under way and those who have returned looking as though they had a new lease on life are Ann Keegan, who vacationed in Tecumseh and Omaha, Clara Jones, who visited in Friend and Omaha, and Ferne Burns, who spent her vacation in Wichita. . . . Mary Lou Freauf has a new niece, Pamela Kay, and the mother many of you will remember as Marie Endsley Freauf. . . . Esther Kehling is busily engaged in furnishing a home which

she received as an anniversary gift. Lorraine Vlcek has located an apartment and we're inclined to believe that the 'big day' is right around the corner. . . . We wish to extend a word of sympathy to H. W. Cane whose mother passed away on the 17th of May, to H. H. Wheeler who lost his brother, to Phyllis Lickei who lost her grandfather and to I. J. Devoe who lost his brother-in-law during the past month. . . . Viva June Siefert found it necessary to take a leave of absence to care for her mother who was ill. During her absence her duties were performed by Helen Pickard. . . . Martha Dietrich traveled to Topeka to attend a wedding recently. . . . Phyllis Lickei had no time to get out a handkerchief to drop at the feet of a male she wanted to meet, so she dropped her purse instead. She claims it was an accident, but—we're wondering? ? ? ? Dawn Purinton and Shirley Bonnell grew mighty tired of 'counting to ten' each time they found themselves somewhere in the rough during a golf game. We'll probably never know how many strokes were left uncounted. . . . Lily Robotham is sporting a lovely new diamond. Congrats! . . . Bob Ross was severely reprimanded by the school principal when it was found he had encouraged his son to sell the firecrackers which he had purchased at quite a bargain price. We're betting the principal would have enjoyed using the 'hickory stick' on Bob. . . . Carl Ahl celebrated a birthday this past month and his staff of employees were most happy in presenting him with two large boxes of 'nothing'. . . . Irene Hermann took advantage of a long week end and traveled to Sulphur Springs, Mo. . . . If you see Ken Boshart breaking out with little red spots you'll know he has the measles. Ken was acting as 'baby sitter' when his nephew came down with a good case of the measles and Ken doesn't remember ever having had them.

## Commercial Department Lincoln Business Office

The big event of the month took place on May 28 when the whole office joined in holding a surprise party for Mrs. Cecile Anderson on the occasion of her retirement. The party was held at Mrs. Anderson's home in Bethany and of course one of the chief conspirators was her husband, Russell, who went all out in figuring out a scheme to put the plan across. We know now why he is termed the "Brains of Bethany" because everything worked like a charm and "Andy" was really surprised when the caravan of cars rolled up in front of her home. Heaping platters of fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, and the usual trimmings disappeared almost like magic and even Bill Morris had enough to eat for once. After the din-

ner, K. B. Cary, our district manager, made a nice talk in which he expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Anderson's fine record of service and expressed regret that she was leaving the Lincoln office group. He then presented her with gifts from the folks in the office. All of us miss you very much, Mrs. Anderson. It just doesn't seem like the same office since you have gone. Don't forget to come in and visit us often. . . . May vacationers include Mrs. Viola Fisher who visited in Kansas for a week. Ima Jeanne Wear also took a trip to her home state of Illinois and reports having a most enjoyable time. . . . Our congratulations to the Hamiltons, Dean and Irene, who have announced the arrival of a new daughter. Editor's note! We are indeed sorry to report the illness of your associate editor, Mrs. Betty Henson, who was unable to give us her usual sparkling account of Business Office activities. We were able to glean the above from various sources including a verse written on the subject by someone who has requested that his name be withheld. Hint—he is in the directory department. . . . Note to the writer of verse: The News is always delighted to receive poetry for publication because it has a "no poetry" policy and after reading the poetry we receive and then not printing it we are constantly reminded of how much better off we are with the "no poetry" policy. Perhaps in this case we can break the rule just to emphasize the point and print a verse of our own composition.

The News prints no poetry  
 And its a good rule we think,  
 This is especially true with Spahnle's  
 Because frankly, it.....

The Lincoln business office held one of its famous parties for Mrs. Cecile H. Anderson who retires this month after 30 years of service. The business office group is pictured below and at right Mrs. Anderson receives some beautiful gifts from K. B. Cary, district commercial manager, who presented them on behalf of the folks in the office.

You see, we still haven't broken the rule because we can't think of a word that rhymes with "thinks." Maybe the readers can supply one.

### General Office

*Ruth Clark, Associate Editor*

Vacationing from our office during May was Bernice Iwohn, who spent two restful weeks in her home town of Clatonia, Nebraska. . . . Keeping up with Arlene Rollins' trips is a hard task, as it seems she just won't stay at home. This month she spent Memorial Day week-end in Lebanon and Hill City, Kansas, and another week-end in Topeka. In fact, she takes so many trips, that she has been known to get her destinations mixed and buy a ticket for one town, when she is actually going to another. . . . Mr. Hale traveled by air to Pittsburgh to speak before the convention of the Pennsylvania Telephone Association. . . . Four General Commercial voices rang out in the minstrel show given by the telephone employees. They belonged to G. E. Walroth and A. B. Gorman, who sang in the "Pionnaires" barber shop quartet, and Willie Hamilton and Arlene Rollins who sang in the chorus. Joe Hartley and J. S. Jackson also had a hand in the production. Mr. Hartley was the publicity chairman and Mr. Jackson operated the spot light. Of course we can't give the General Commercial members all the credit, but from all reports the whole show was very good. We are very sorry to report that our bowling team lost the championship to the outside service team in the final game between the winners of the first and second halves of the season's play. . . . Dick Hartley, son of Joe Hartley and a former employee of

our Company, graduated from Wesleyan University this Spring. Congratulations, Dick. . . . Willie Hamilton has joined the long list of apartment hunters and would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows of an available three room apartment.

### Construction Department

*Shirley Hess—Associate Editor*

Perhaps we should do a little cruising with our crews. Out in the Hastings area we find Otto Buck's gang repairing Nelson plant prior to conversion; Tommy Hedges' boys repairing Hastings rural plant and Lyle Piper and crew still in the Stromsburg area. Working out of Lincoln we have E. Eichenour rebuilding Utica town and rural plant; "Swede" Foster and crew repairing Milford plant; George Hansen and Paul Wilkinson's



outfits regrouping Beatrice; "Deke" Simpson rebuilding Surprise town and rural plant prior to conversion and Harry Moss' crew re-transposing Fairbury-Hebron toll lead. It looks like our Lincoln crews have practically turned out to be floating crews. "Brick" Smith has spent most of the month in Syracuse and Nebraska City but is back in Lincoln now. Ray Boling and crew have been busy at Filley, rebuilding the town plant (or should we say Village) and this week went to Alexandria. Les Shirey and John Hobson and crews find plenty to do around Lincoln. Looking over our splicers we find Cliff Artz and helper, M. Riner at Utica, Cy Hutchison and helper A. Brunke at Beatrice, Al Miller and helper, C. Jordan at Filley, Roy Mills and Dick Baxter at Bruning. Vaughn Baum, Don Frankforter, Bill Huddleston and their helpers are working in and around Lincoln. George Burt and helper J. Keogh find plenty to do in the vicinity of Hastings. We wish to extend our sympathy to Mr. Keogh, whose father passed away the last of this month. Also our sympathy goes to the George Wasson family. New employees this month include Louis Kehoe who joined Piper's gang; Howard Jensen, who is working with Brick Smith and Vernon Frey, working with Paul Wilkinson's crew at Beatrice. Resignations this month include Robert Bowlin, Willard Vantine and Donald Paulsen. Our only vacationer this month was Leroy Winscot who took one week of his vacation the third week in May.

## General Offices—2nd Floor

*Barbara Kaiser, Associate Editor*

De Camptown Ladies Sing Dis Song,  
Doo Dah, Doo Dah! Ah, yes, what

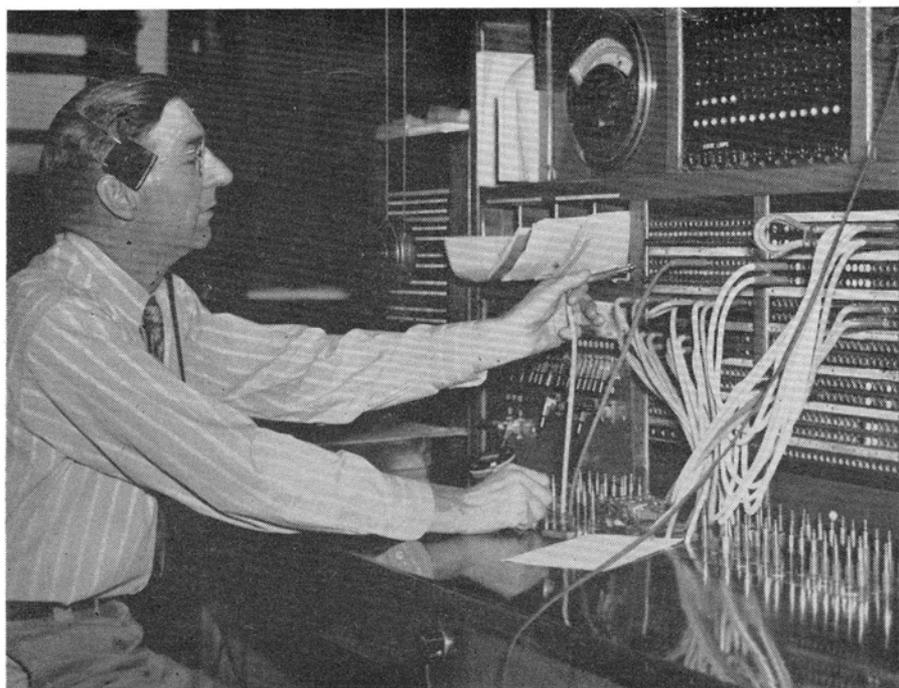
a tongue twister of a song to sing (anyway for a few of us). But a lot of enjoyment and experience was gained from the "Minstrel Show." And also, a super wonderful dinner. Hope all the Pioneers and guests enjoyed the music 'cause we sure tried... Traveling south for about two weeks, on a pole inspection trip, were Mr. Behm and Mr. Strasser. . . . Captain and Mrs. Glen Trump recently returned from Tokyo, Japan where Captain Trump was stationed. They are temporarily living with Mrs. Trump's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bettenhausen. Captain Trump will get his release at Seattle. Mrs. Trump was a former employee of the Company. . . . And more news of the Bettenhausens—their son Don was recently married to Bernice Leseberg from Beatrice. Mrs. Bettenhausen is a registered nurse and Don will graduate from the University in June. On summer vacations Don worked in the Construction Department. . . . Going to Chicago over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Potter on a recreational jaunt. The report was that many shows were taken in and that they were good ones, too. . . . Mr. Potter also reports that their offices have been working hard, nights and Saturdays, changing the Class A and B stocks. . . . Of interest to some people might be the men that are under the supervision of George Keith, District Installation Supervisor, and their work. Working the last week of May at Nebraska City we find Frances Darnold and Dave Guthrie installing the trunk equipment in connection with the Dunbar conversion. At Filley we have Perry Caldwell, Ernie Barney and Bob Wohlberg moving the central office quarters. Preparatory to the Surprise conversion, Ardell Robison

is working at Gresham and Rising City. And last, but not least, we find our supervisor working at Beatrice and Filley. George hopes to have some pictures for us soon. Better keep in touch with these boys. Rumor is that something big is coming up soon concerning their recreation on week-ends. . . . George Keith has sold his large home and he and Mrs. Keith are moving into a new apartment. . . . George has been very nice to us girls by letting us pick some of his beautiful flowers. Thanks heaps, George!! . . . Up in the air this month was Dorothy Lefler, who took a plane ride. . . . A certain lady in the Accounting Department sold tickets for a Bingo party at her Sorority. A group of girls went and being lucky your editor won a green stuffed dog which has been named "Bingo." Right cute, huh, Mary!! By the way, Mary is the new president of her chapter. . . . Seems as though Dorothy Lefler has been winning quite a few bets around here including the one with Dick Hansen!

## Service Department, Lincoln

*Dorothy Miller, Associate Editor*

Several employees have gone on their vacations this month. They are Leland Rauch, R. L. Dalton, W. P. Shuck, G. B. Arnold. As yet we haven't received any reports on how they spent their time. . . . Milo Caslasky spent a week's vacation at home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Art Lamberson spent a three weeks vacation at Keyport, Washington, visiting Art's son Earl and family. Incidentally Mrs. Lamberson is the former Doris Sullivan. . . . Jim Green spent his vacation the first two weeks in May. He has since been inducted into the army and is stationed at Scott Field, Illinois. . . . Mr. Pugsley has been absent from work several weeks, caring for his wife who is ill. . . . D. C. Travis is still confined to his home with arthritis. . . . We are glad to see Belle Howery back to work after having been absent several weeks. . . . Dell Gilmore has been at home for the last week and a half trying to get used to a broken leg which resulted from a fall down stairs. We hope by this time that he is feeling much better and will soon be able to come back to work. . . . L. P. Livingston has been transferred from the Switchroom to the Service Department, where he is working on the



John Brockmeyer's capabilities and wide experience are valuable assets to the furnishing of good service at Beatrice. He is shown here testing out a line that is in trouble.

test board. . . . We wish to welcome Robert Thompson and Les Davies to our department. . . . Robert Southworth will again be employed in the Service Department during the school vacation. He worked here last year during the summer months. . . . Marion Jelinek, operator at Lincoln, and Jack Staberg of Lincoln Service Department, were married on May 1, at the Trinity Methodist Church in Lincoln. The couple spent a short honeymoon in Beloit, Wisconsin. They are residing in Lincoln, where both are continuing their work. . . . E. O. Wait and family are now residing in Lincoln, having moved from Tecumseh the first of May. Mr. Wait was recently transferred to Lincoln. . . . Art Albers and E. O. Wait have completed replacing instruments for the Malcolm conversion to dial operation. . . . B. Wanek is attending the ABC bowling tournament being held in Detroit, Michigan. "Good luck," Bedrick. . . . We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. George B. Arnold on the death of his wife.

## Supply Department

*Ramona Wendland, Associate Editor*

Even after being in our new office quarters for over two weeks the newness still hasn't worn off and we think everyone should be as happy about the whole thing as we are. To those familiar with the warehouse arrangement the "north room" means the large room extending about three-fourths the length of the second floor of the north side of the building. Up until recently it had always been used for storage so the face-lifting required was quite extensive. We are proud of the new fluorescent lighting, as well as the new flooring and ceiling and the attractive pale green walls. To all is extended an invitation to come see us in our new surroundings. As soon as the new air-conditioning unit is completely installed everyone will be "cool as a cucumber." . . . There are two vacations to report this month of May. L. C. Reid of the Repair Shop is away, however we have no details regarding his whereabouts so that will have to wait. Our other vacationer is Mr. Huddleston who was off recently. He reports "just loafing" though. We might add that he spent several days in the hospital undergoing minor surgery, but he is as fine and chipper as ever now. Oscar Lewis is off for a few days, at this writing, due to illness. Hope he'll be back with us soon. . . . There are more transfers to report this month. W. J. Knudson transferred recently from the Motor Vehicle Department to the General Repair Shop. The "Shop" also ac-

## Bowling Champs and Near-Champs



Two teams of bowlers were sponsored by the Company in the season just past. At Lincoln, Harry Gore master-minded his team into first place and the championship of the 7 P. M. Industrial League at the Rosewilde alleys after setting the pace during most of the season by the narrowest of margins. The championship was decided by the last game of the year. Captain Gore's trophy winners pictured above are left to right, Ken Boshart, Roy Mills, Carl Ahl, Harry Gore, Fred Strasser, George Walroth and Elmer Dougherty.

At Hastings, Floyd Crewdson captained a crew consisting of Max Walker, Jim Dudgeon, Harry Tubbs, Jack Mason, Gene Burchess and Howard Lahr. They performed in the City Commercial league of that town and managed to remain a threat to the league leaders until the last few games. The fact that they eventually dropped to the bottom of the percentage table with a dull thud does not, in the least, dull the reputation they built for themselves as the league's giant killers.

quired O. L. Clark, formerly of the Warehouse. . . . C. L. Whittington of the Garage force is now our new Car Inspector, the position vacated by D. E. Aydelott when he became Motor Vehicle Foreman. . . . F. J. Barnett of the Garage force also has changed from a nightman to a day-man and, while speaking of the Garage employees, we wish to welcome Ross Lane Jr., who joined us recently. . . . Before we forget, we'll mention that J. K. Greenlee recently transferred from Janitor to Warehouseman. . . . Our last item isn't too happy a one. Seems that Paul Eisenbarth broke his arm recently while playing soft-ball. We don't know whether he got in the bat's way, got caught in the shuffle, or just got mad at the umpire. It was most likely the last of the three guesses. . . . Being as there are no weddings to announce, no additions to families and no more Milton E. Royce capers to tell about, we'll cut this short. We'll hope for better digging next month.

## Traffic Department

### Lincoln Operating Department

*Mary Ormand, Associate Editor*

Summer is definitely here, as is evidenced by the tans and sunburns in our department; also the baseball season is underway—we know because of the sore fingers and accident reports around our parts. Our girls are really practicing hard for a good record. . . . We are glad to see Lillian Hubbard and Hazel Neman back to work after their leaves of absence due to illness. . . . We extend a welcome to the following new employees—Mrs. Theresa Carter, Genevieve Elward, Arleen Fitzpatrick, Marjorie Hawes, and Betty Schmidt on Information; Helen Boydston, Leona Woznick, Sarilee Kuhn and Doris Kramer on Toll. . . . Della Wilcox who never believed in ghost stories 'or the like' says nevertheless there's something funny when a glass tumbler sitting on a stand by the radio, to which she was listening, suddenly



The scenes above are from the camera of Margaret Ann Rech, operator at David City, who has kindly sent them to us for publication. They represent the activities at the May breakfast which we understand is an annual affair held by the operators at the Butler County metropolis. Facing the camera at left are Nadine Smith, Betty Northway, Evelyn Soukup, Margaret Cornell, Leora Weyand, Chief Operator Irene Swan and Lucille Helgoth. At right, Mrs. Helgoth, Lena Conrad, Betty Okrina, Emily Hanus, Gloria Humlicek, Patricia Emerson and Margaret Ann Rech.

burst into a thousand pieces filling the place with glass! Della, who was in the next room at the time, still shakes her head, perplexedly upon inquiry — "Strange things have been known to happen!" . . . Vacationers include Eleanor Davies, La Vonne Reckling, Marion Staberg, Carol Strohm, La Wanna Bacon, Pearl Varga who went to Boston, Massachusetts to see her boy friend and Betty Hinman who flew to Greeley, Colorado to see her sister-in-law, Phyllis Hinman, formerly Phyllis Rising, and husband. . . . Mrs. Georgia Smith vacationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico. . . . New toll classes include Helen Boydston and Leona Woznick taught by De Lores Glover; Sarilee Kuhn and Doris Kramer instructed by Della Wilcox. . . . Shower and weddings are the order of the day come June, and several of our girls are busily planning their trousseaus and walking on air. Dorothy Ann Adkisson gave a shower for Arvilla McMahon, who is resigning to be married. De Lores Glover, Ruth Marcks and Arvilla McMahon were the honorees at a going away shower given at the Continental Room by the Supervisors. . . . We extend congratulations to our newly-weds. La Wanna Graham was married to William Bacon on April 30 at Pawnee City, at the groom's home; Marion Jelinek was married May 1 at the Trinity Methodist Church to Jack Staberg; and Helen Knott was united in marriage to Arthur Sexton at Council Bluffs, Iowa on May 17. . . . Miss Melba Richards spent a recent week-end at her home in Hastings. . . . Genevieve Griffin, motorcycle enthusiast of our department, took part in the State Gypsy Tour on June 6. . . . Ruth Marcks and her husband are moving to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where Mr. Marcks will be associated with the Westinghouse Company under the student training plan. Don't forget us away back in Nebraska, Ruth! . . . Dorothy Bryan has been given a supervisor classification and supervisor rates have been given to Lillian Schafer and Patricia

Morrow. New desk rate classifications include De Lores Snodgrass, Irene Woznick, Wilma Hudson, Ina Ozenbaugh, Della Wilcox, Mary Stava, Shirley George and Ruth McCracken. . . . We have a horse-woman in our midst—and didn't even know it—only Donnie couldn't walk the next day! We wonder how the poor horse felt. . . . And then there are the "golfing people" who really have been getting a workout in the hot sun. Les Davies is the teacher—the students—Ann Forst, Mable Volpp, Donnie Gault and Phyllis Jones. . . . The problems and inconveniences occasioned by the annual housecleaning and painting have often been enumerated but the one in which Melba Richards was involved when she and her room-mate, Myra Metcalf, had their apartment painted is most worthy of note. A soldier's uniform belonging to Myra's brother was being taken care of by her and hung in a bag in their closet. Upon her arrival home from work one evening Miss Richards was surprised to see a soldier's uniform hanging outside their apartment, removed from the bag. She promptly took the suit in and hung it in the closet. Soon afterward she heard verbal explosions occurring up and down the hall. Upon investigation she beheld one of the painters, working in the building, frantically searching every nook and corner, declaring (with many amplifying phrases), "I hung it right here and I've got to report at National Guard tonight!" Miss Richards reports the restoration of the uniform to its owner was not an easy matter. . . . Mrs. Mary Emerson spent a recent week-end in Chicago. . . . Iva Mae Upton and her husband visited their homes in Hastings. . . . Melba Richards, Frances Harmon and Pearl O'Hehir attended the Ice Follies.

### General Traffic and Cafeteria

By Betty Hansen

Charles Peachman's long stemmed iris have been enjoyed by both the cafeteria staff and the patrons. George Mann sur-

prised us with the very first peonies, and they were really large ones. These flowers have helped make our cafeteria look like the breath of spring. . . . Myra Metcalf of the General Traffic Office vacationed in Illinois during May, and at this writing is probably having the time of her life. . . . Mrs. Kelley had a week's vacation, but spent it at home, doing her spring house cleaning. . . . Mrs. Eva Lebo traveled to Chadron for her vacation. . . . We are sorry to lose Mrs. Clara Mitchell who is leaving us the fifth of June. . . . Marie Reinert was called to Lincoln, Kansas, because of the death of her cousin.

## Southern District

Auburn

Florence Fruehling, Correspondent

"In the spring a young man's fancy," certainly held true around our office. One of our operators, Marjorie Lampe, was married to Alvin DeBuhr. Lots of luck, Marjorie. . . . Colleen Keithley, commercial clerk, came to work the other morning sporting a diamond. Congratulations, Colleen. . . . We bid a fond farewell to Thelma Harris, who resigned to live in Indianapolis, Indiana. . . . We welcome Edna Clark and Jennie Snow, who have joined our staff of operators. . . . Monica Lempka has returned from her vacation trip to Chokio, Minnesota where she visited her brother. . . . Mrs. Ida Keedy is now taking her vacation, but more about that next month.

Beatrice

Shirley Gish, Correspondent

Christine Mason spent several days in Omaha visiting her parents. Upon returning, we noticed she had acquired the "New Look" by exchanging her long tresses for short, curly locks. . . . A pleasant surprise came for Plant, Traffic and Commercial Department this week. L. T. & T. has supplied us with a coke vending machine and it is really doing the business. Another great treat for us is the installation of an air conditioner in the commercial office. . . . Well, if you'll excuse us we're going to relax for a minute with a coke in this beautiful cool air.

Dorchester

We are happy to report that Mrs. Jones' health is improving. However, it will still be a little while before she can return to work.

Friend

Hotilda Eurich, Correspondent

We are happy to have Marie Gifford home from the hospital. She's feeling fine, and says she will be back to work soon.

Tecumseh

Mary Estes, Correspondent

Miriam Carter began her vacation the 11th of May and is spending the time at her home in Louisville, Nebraska. . . .

Mrs. James Howarth of Atlantic, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Soash and son from St. Paul, Minn. were recent visitors of Golda Thompson. . . Mary Kalin visited her parents at Steinauer the 15th and 16th of May. . . We are sorry to lost Norma Jean Buchanan, who resigned recently to be married. . . Arlene Gow has been ill at her home this past week with the flu.

**Wilber**

*Lavina McElroy, Correspondent*

Lillie Labart spent a few days at her home at Lushton.

## Western District

*Goldia M. Simmons, Associate Editor*

**Fairmont**

Ethel Patrick, the chief operator at Fairmont, has spent one week of her vacation from May 3-10. She visited her sister, Mrs. A. D. Hutchinson and family at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kaltenbarn in Topeka, Kansas. . . Elizabeth Little, of the Fairmont Traffic Department, spent the first week of her vacation taking care of her husband who recently returned home from the Lincoln General Hospital. . . On May 12 Laura Jean Baker, of the Fairmont Traffic Department, celebrated her birthday. In the evening her fellow employees honored her at a party, which was supposed to be a surprise. But like all surprises, the office force believed she knew about it. The evening was spent playing cards. At a late hour ice cream and angel food cake was served. . . Seems that since the last time the news was written nearly all of the girls have spent at least one day in Lincoln shopping. Could it be they're trying to achieve the "new look" in the Fairmont office. . . Mrs. Ralph O'Connor, a former operator in York, visited in the Fairmont office on May 19.

**Geneva**

*Betty Schupbach, Correspondent*

We have two new operators in the Geneva Traffic Department. They are Maxine Stoltenberg and Francis Steider. Welcome to your new jobs, girls. . . Erma Dixon, of the Traffic Department, spent Sunday, May 9 in Hastings visiting her nephew. . . Evalyn DuBois, a former employee here in the Geneva Traffic Department and now an employee in the Lincoln Traffic Department, was a visitor in the Geneva office on May 24. We were all glad to see you again, Evalyn. . . Irene Combs, traveling chief operator, was a visitor in the Geneva office during the past month. . . Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Crew and Mr. and Mrs. Reno J. Weis attended the pioneer party in Lincoln on May 14.

**Harvard**

Anna Larson spent a weekend with Mr. and Mrs. William Sharkey and

family. . . Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Breneman spent May 2 in Omaha. . . Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fishback and Mrs. Carey Wollingford visited Arbor Lodge at Nebraska City recently.

**Hastings**

*Lola J. Shuler, Correspondent*

The epidemic has struck in the Hastings area also, and most of the girls are suffering from the pangs of the old disease "Spring Fever". . . Even Miss Alldritt has an occasional violet or dandelion stuck in her lapel. She seems to be a little disgusted with the fact that someone cut the tall hedge between her house and that of the neighbors, because it isn't near as easy to swipe the neighbor's snowball flowers. . . Leap Year has proved to be a very prosperous

one for many of the girls—the wedding bells have chimed recently for Lois Williams, JoAnn McDonald and Dorothy Evers. They have all resigned to become housekeepers. We wish you all success and happiness in the future and in your new careers. . . Yes, spring is a time of the most wonderful things, but maybe Miss White disagrees with me, she is recovering from a tonsillectomy. . . We welcome our two new toll students, Mrs. Jensen and Miss Aulner and hope they will like long distance. . . I think it is a little early for swimming but Miss Pearson, Chief Operator, doesn't seem to think so. It seems she had no choice. A water pipe in her home broke and made things just a wee bit damp. . . Miss Pearson's

## Andrews Vindicated—We Apologize, Sir!

*In a recent issue of the "News" we published the picture of Rod Andrews at right with the following caption, "Rod Andrews of the General Traffic Department claims that he does his best thinking when he can just close his eyes for a moment. The cameraman caught him in the act of arriving at a particularly difficult decision."*

*Mr. Andrews took exception to our picture asserting that it did not portray him in his usual state of spirited exuberance. We were particularly joyful therefore when the picture below depicting Rod in an animated conversation with Tyler Ryan of Tecumseh reached our hands. We publish it in all humility with the frank admission*

*that true justice was not done in our original pose of the subject.*

*You are vindicated, Mr. Andrews, and we apologize, sir!*





Maurice Franklin, voucher supervisor, says "Let's take a look at the record" as he looks up a document in the Accounting Department files.

mother has been away and we are inclined to think she might be in need of some plates when she returns. How about it Miss Pearson would you like us all to donate one paper plate apiece? . . . The telephone office has undergone a spring cleaning and the painting is really nice, although the girls at the information desk expected to have a bucket of paint or water on their heads at any instant. . . . He doesn't seem like much of a hero to us, but ask Rosetta Habben about the fellow who came to her aid when the door locked one night—and she was gotten out via the roof—was he barefoot, too, Rosetta? . . . We won't say Mrs. Meester, Night Chief Operator, is old fashioned but after the other night she prefers the "old look" in headsets. She thought she had lost the mouth piece and hunted on the floor frantically until she all but gave up, only to find that the mouth piece was delicately tucked under one of her double chins. . . . It has been an old saying for many years that two heads are better than one but we are not so sure that Rosetta Habben will agree with the idea. So it seems recently Rosetta's father was chopping wood and the ax handle broke and the head of the ax flew in Rosetta's direction, and unfortunately two heads were put together, Rosetta's head and the ax's head. I say unfortunately because Rosetta got her head cut on the side. . . . Betty Willmes resigned and has left to make her home in Long Beach, California. We wish you all the luck in the world, Betty. . . . Others who

have left our midst are Virginia Knapp, who has moved to Colorado, Ethel Adrian, June Dalheim, and Alta Wollovetz. . . . What does the poison ivy plant look like? That is a good question and if anyone finds out please let Goldia Simons, District Office, know because she only knows what it looks like in the rash stage on a person's feet. It must be awkward trying to scratch poison ivy while walking to work, or isn't it, Goldie??? . . . Those who attended the Pioneer Annual Banquet from the Hastings Area were: Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Piper, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ross, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hedstrom, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dudgeon, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cummings, Mrs. B. L. Herzog, Mrs. Dick Stephenson, Mr. Lyle Young, Mrs. Belle Meester, Mr. D. C. Wilson, Mr. Ralph Wait, Mr. E. J. Flowerday, Mrs. Max Walker, Misses Moreane Alldritt, Goldia Simons, Minnie Schlitt, Bea Rohrer, A. Marie Pearson, Jessie Van Trump, Mr. Howard Lahr. . . . A bus was chartered for the ones who didn't go by automobile, and naturally a good time was had by all. . . .

We couldn't possibly have gotten along without Bill Ross, Frieda Hoffman Ross' husband, because he was the leader of all of the songs. . . . We thought we had lost Marie Pearson, Chief Operator, for a moment until we found her almost in the bottom of the bus. Those drop seats are certainly low aren't they Miss Pearson? . . . Lyle Piper didn't seem to mind their lowness in the least because he had three of them down and was in a horizontal position. How he could rest with all that racket is beyond us! . . . The fright of the evening was at the moment we were a block from our destination, The Cornhusker Hotel, and the bus driver couldn't get the gears to shift. Imagine our plight! . . . We finally reached our destination and were entertained from the moment we stepped from the bus until we reached home again. We can say that we have never had so much fun before, thanks to the Pioneer Association.

#### Hebron

*Evelyn Dankenbring, Correspondent*

We welcome Patricia Barnes to the Traffic Department. We hope you will enjoy your work, Patricia. . . . Ernie Wellman, of the Plant Department, and Margaret, Regina, and Mary Bethscheider, Traffic Department, attended the Pioneer Association Banquet at Lincoln, May 14. Mrs. Wellman also attended as a guest.

#### Ohioa

Bess Nippert, Chief Operator, has been vacationing for two weeks. She

spent part of it in Cheyenne, Wyoming, visiting her brother. She then went to Villisca, Iowa, to visit her son and family. She intends to spend the rest of her vacation at home. Mrs. Sims, her sister, is taking her place while she is gone. . . . Louise Dunsey, the assistant operator at Ohioa, went to Lincoln on Sunday, May 23. She went with the idea of going on a picnic. Rain seemed to do away with the sunny thoughts of a picnic.

#### Osceola

*Mrs. Betty I. Beebe, Correspondent*

Mr. Olson enjoyed the "Get Together" at Hastings for Max Walker and Mr. Babe Combs. He also stated that the chicken dinner was delicious. . . . Regrouping of the lines at Polk, Stromsburg, and Osceola by Lyle Piper and his gang is rapidly coming to a close with about 75% of the work completed.

#### Polk

Clara Anderson, Traffic Department, enjoyed the Mother and Daughter Banquet at Lincoln May 7 . . . We have two Grand Island shoppers this month, Joyce and Ada Springer.

#### Shickley

The Shickley exchange has a new assistant operator. She is Lucille Steider. She has taken her sister's position, who recently transferred to Geneva.

#### Stromsburg

Mr. L. C. Williams has again been a champion, winning the York City All Event Bowling Trophy for 1948.

#### Superior

*Maxine Chambers, Correspondent*

The girls in the Traffic Department have been enjoying a visit from Miss King the last few days. Miss King has her voice recorder here with her. . . . Miss Clarinda Lake, Traffic Department, has purchased a home here in town. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kubat attended the Annual Pioneer Banquet

## Baseball Schedule

Here is the schedule for the mens' L. T. and T. baseball team for the second round of the season. Games are played at Muni field at 5:45 on week days and 2:30 on Sunday. Come on out and enjoy yourself and give the boys a boost with your rooting. Further details appear in another story this issue.

Cornhusker Hotel.....	June 15
Bankers Life of Des Moines....	June 22
Navy Reserve.....	June 27
Cushman Motor.....	July 4
Lawlors .....	July 15

The schedule for the girls' softball games was not made up as we went to press. Games will be posted on Lincoln bulletin boards. Watch for them.

in Lincoln, the evening of May 14. . . . Jessie Van Trump, formerly employed in the Superior Traffic Department, and now at Hastings, was a recent visitor. . . . Mr. L. P. Young, District Manager, and Goldia Simons were also recent visitors.

Sutton

*Jeannine Monson, Correspondent*

Mr. Fred Adkins, J. H. Mankamyer, Chuck Salisbury, and Duane Grove attended the Farewell Party in honor of Max Walker and W. F. Combs. . . . C. A. Salisbury is helping install telephones for the Cut-over at Bruning. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mankamyer, Mrs. and Mrs. C. A. Salisbury, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cassell, and Miss Edith Sleiger attended the Pioneer Banquet at Lincoln.

York

*Norma DeBoer, Correspondent*

Girls, don't look now but we have a criminal in or around our midst. No need to ask Edna "Two-Gun" Marquardt the details for all she says is, "I ain't talking!" The crime took place on a dark, cold and windy day. "Two-Gun," drove the car around the square several times then parked in front of the bank. She left the motor running and ran into the bank. No, she wasn't going to rob the bank (she was already loaded, it was pay day) but in her haste she failed to put a penny in the meter. It's a good thing Edna got paid that very day. She had to pay a huge fine of \$.05. Who said "Crime Doesn't Pay?" . . . Mrs. Pflughaupt spent the weekend in Beatrice visiting Lela Watson. On the return trip she saw the Freedom Train. . . . Two new faces you have all been seeing around here are Katherine Campbell and La Von Schwab. You are all probably wondering why these new girls get a twenty minute refreshing relief. Well, they were only supposed to have fifteen minutes but they ran down to Meradiths and went by the clock on the corner. Well, you know how the clock on the corner keeps time. During their relief now, La Von and Katherine can be seen sitting on the arm of the couch looking at the clock, waiting to go back to the operating room. . . . The telephone office just gets over one marriage and then Alice McCartney up and announces her approaching wedding day, which will be June 6th. So don't anyone be surprised if you find yourself carrying on a one-sided conversation with the bride-elect, for she comes to work and for hours she plans the things she must do before June 6th. She goes home and in less than four minutes she has forgotten them. . . . There's a sparkle about Ruth Swanson, Cashier, these days and it is more evident in the engagement ring on her hand. Congratulations, Ruth. . . . Luree McCarty spent the weekend of May 1st in Kansas City. . . . Ardith Peters is spending her vacation in Texas.



A warm up session prior to one of the early season games.

## Baseball Fever Rising

It may be that the good old days are on their way back. One of the more gratifying signs of their revival has been the marked upsurge of interest, this spring, in the game of baseball. There was a generation of school-kids who could scarcely identify a baseball, and even then called it a "hardball" and relegated it back to the days of the horse and buggy, and other antiquated things and ideas that were associated with their parents. This year the juvenile ranks of most towns seem to be stirring with more than the usual amount of pre-vacation activity as the neighborhood has been scouted for playing talent, hardball teams organized and challenges hurled at other teams on the far side of town.

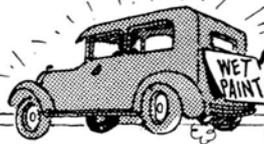
Interest is also on the rise in telephone employee ranks as the first L. T. & T. team in many years has taken the field. Their opening game was played on May 13 when they succumbed in the late innings to a classy Cornhusker Hotel team by the score of 7 to 1. Four more games were played during the balance of the

month with the Telephones winning from Bankers Life of Des Moines 7 to 4 and Walton 13 to 9 and losing to Naval Reserve 6 to 1 and Pawnee City 7 to 4. The rooters share Manager Bottorff's opinion that, given a few more weeks of practice and seasoning, a winning combination is sure to come out of the present roster.

As this is written the Lincoln girls' softball team has not yet begun their official season. Manager Brady has scheduled several practice games and admits that the girls have the makings of another strong team. Several promising rookies are on the squad and are expected to bolster up the few weak spots which were in evidence in the past. The Telephone girls were always noted for their power with the willow, and reports from the practice sessions indicate that they have not lost their batting eye. Both teams need rooters in the stands behind them, and we recommend, for your pleasure, a visit to the ball diamond when either of them take the field.



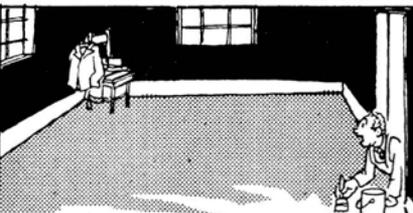
The squad for 1948. Left to right back row, Guy Seaton, personnel director; Chick Smith, Tom Wilson, Bo Wilson, Ray Zimmerman, Russ White, R. E. Baxter, Harold Tejcha, Roland Delaney, and Clem Bottorff, the team's hard working manager-player. Front row, Don Robinette, Jim Geist, Lee Rauch, Bob Hawkins, Lee Davis, Al Dougherty and Dick Anderson. Seated in front is the squad's mascot and bat boy, Roger Bottorff. Official scorekeeper is Dean Hobson. Not in picture, John Finley, Don Smith and Wayne Robinette.



# EXCUSE IT PLEASE

by Joe Bailey

WHEN HARRY PALMQUIST NOTICED THAT PASSERS BY TURNED TO STARE AS HE DROVE ALONG, HE THOUGHT THEY WERE ADMIRING THE NEW PAINT JOB ON HIS MODEL-A. HE DIDN'T DISCOVER FOR SEVERAL DAYS THAT THE ATTRACTION WAS A MAMMOTH "WET PAINT" SIGN STRUNG ACROSS THE BACK OF THE CAR BY THE BOYS AT "B" OFFICE!



TYLER RYAN, TĒCUMSEH, THOUGHT THE STOREROOM FLOOR NEEDED A COAT OF PAINT TO IMPROVE ITS LOOKS FOR THE "OPEN HOUSE" SO HE CHANGED INTO A RAGGED PAIR OF OVERALLS AND PAINTED HIMSELF TO THE DOOR. THEN HE FOUND HE HAD LEFT HIS GOOD SUIT, CAR KEYS, ETC. ON A CHAIR IN THE FAR CORNER OF THE ROOM.....



JESS ELLIS AND JACK COX PUT A NEW ROOF ON THE DAVEY EXCHANGE BUILDING AND WHILE NAILING IT ON A FLAP OF JESS' OVERALL LEG SAGGED OVER THE SEAM WHICH JACK WAS WORKING ON - AND JACK, WITHOUT HESITATION, NAILED IT FIRMLY TO THE ROOF AS THEY PASSED EACH OTHER.

YOU AIN'T DOING IT RIGHT - YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BREAK YOUR LEG WHEN YOU LIGHT



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**HERO OF THE MONTH:** LINCOLN BUSINESS OFFICE, THE FUGITIVE FROM FATHER TIME, WHO, AS FRONT MAN IN A "FOLLOW THE LEADER" LINE AT ONE OF THE BUSINESS OFFICE'S FAMOUS PARTIES, LED HIS CHARGES OVER A TOUGH OBSTACLE COURSE - JUST LIKE THEY USED TO DO IT IN THE ARMY - ONLY IT WAS BILL WHO WOUND UP THE GAME WITH A BROKEN ANKLE.

WHY THAT WOULD REQUIRE 50,000 CUBIC FEET OF CABLE!



PAUL SCHMELTZER APPEARED BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL AT DORCHESTER TO EXPLAIN SOME THINGS ABOUT CABLE - HE STARTED OUT TALKING ABOUT CONDUCTOR FEET REQUIREMENTS, BUT SOMEHOW HE GOT IT INTO CUBIC FEET - AND REALLY QUOTED THE TOWN FATHERS SOME AMAZING FIGURES -



WE'RE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT CHARLIE MESHIER, CHAMPION LEANERBACKER OF BEATRICE, WAS INJURED ONLY IN DIGNITY BY HIS LATEST FALL FROM THE CHAIR - BUT IT REQUIRED THE EFFORTS OF TWO MEN TO PRY HIM FROM UNDER THE DESK - - -

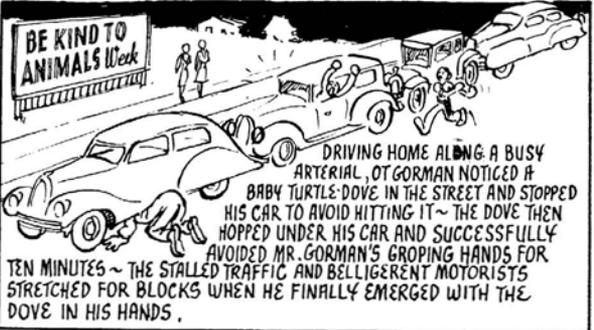
EGAD! THEY DON'T GROW LIKE THIS OUT WEST IN HASTINGS!



MAX WALKER IS RAPIDLY LEARNING TO DEFEND HIMSELF SINCE MOVING TO LINCOLN, BUT HE WASN'T PREPARED TO FIND RED-RIPE TOMATOES ON THE PLANTS HE HAD SET OUT ONLY A FEW DAYS BEFORE - THE MYSTERY WAS SOLVED WHEN BERT HUDDLESON TOLD OF HOW HE HAD CREEPT INTO THE GARDEN ONE NIGHT AND GLUED RIPE CHERRIES ONTO THE BRANCHES OF THE NEW TOMATO PLANTS!



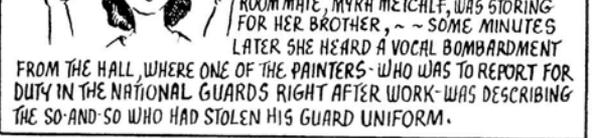
CHUCK SALISBURY ALMOST GOT CHASED OUT OF BRUNING WHERE HE WAS WORKING ON THE DIAL-CONVERSION JOB... INSTALLING A TELEPHONE IN THE CRAMPED QUARTERS OF A BEAUTY SHOPPE - CHUCK RAISED UP FROM HIS KNEES, AND THE LONG SCREWDRIVER HE CARRIED IN HIS BACK POCKET CAUGHT IN THE APRON - - - OH WELL, CHUCK DOESN'T WANT ANY MORE SAID ABOUT IT, AND ANYWAY IT'S TOO LONG A STORY.



DRIVING HOME ALONG A BUSY ARTERIAL, OT GORMAN NOTICED A BABY TURTLE DOVE IN THE STREET AND STOPPED HIS CAR TO AVOID HITTING IT - THE DOVE THEN HOPPED UNDER HIS CAR AND SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED MR. GORMAN'S GROPPING HANDS FOR TEN MINUTES - THE STALLED TRAFFIC AND BELLIGERENT MOTORISTS STRETCHED FOR BLOCKS WHEN HE FINALLY EMERGED WITH THE DOVE IN HIS HANDS.



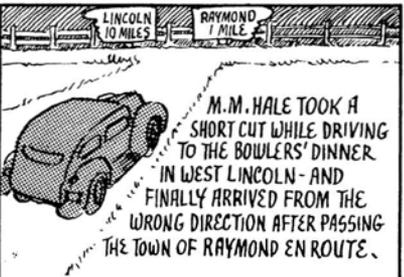
DELLA WILCOX, LINCOLN TRAFFIC, SPEAKS IN A FRIGHTENED WHISPER WHILE RELATING THE EPISODE OF THE GLASS TUMBLER WHICH SHATTERED INTO A THOUSAND PIECES AS IT SAT BESIDE HER RADIO DURING A HOT NUMBER.



WHEN MELBA RICHARDS SPIED AN ARMY UNIFORM HANGING IN THE HALL OUTSIDE HER NEWLY PAINTED APARTMENT, SHE CARRIED IT INSIDE AND HUNG IT IN THE CLOSET, BELIEVING IT WAS THE ONE HER ROOM MATE, MYRA METCHALF, WAS STORING FOR HER BROTHER, - - - SOME MINUTES LATER SHE HEARD A VOCAL BOMBARDMENT FROM THE HALL, WHERE ONE OF THE PAINTERS - WHO WAS TO REPORT FOR DUTY IN THE NATIONAL GUARDS RIGHT AFTER WORK - WAS DESCRIBING THE SO-AND-SO WHO HAD STOLEN HIS GUARD UNIFORM.



G.W. JAHN HAD THE FEELING THAT HE HAD LEFT HIS CAR ON TWO-HOUR PARKING ONE MORNING - BUT COULDN'T REMEMBER WHERE, SO HE DASHED TO THE STREET AND SPENT A SOLID HOUR WALKING THE TWO HOUR ZONES FOR BLOCKS AROUND THE OFFICE BUILDING AND SUDDENLY REMEMBERED THAT HE HAD PARKED ON "ALL-DAY" PARKING WHEN HE CAME TO WORK THAT MORNING.



M.M. HALE TOOK A SHORT CUT WHILE DRIVING TO THE BOWLERS' DINNER IN WEST LINCOLN - AND FINALLY ARRIVED FROM THE WRONG DIRECTION AFTER PASSING THE TOWN OF RAYMOND EN ROUTE.



AND THE FIRST ONE TO GET A TICKET FOR PARKING AT AN ANGLE IN THE NEW PARALLEL ZONE OUTSIDE THE GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING WAS - - A.B. WATERS.