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ANTOINETTE CAPUTO WINS TRIP TO ARUBA!!

Grand prize winner in the OPEO Best Buy Program is Antoinette Caputo whose name was drawn from 14 entries representing the Top Two winners for each of the past seven months. She and her husband Donald, also a GE employee at the main plant, are making preparations for their six-day and five-night trip to the island of Aruba in the Carribean.

Harold Williamson, second prize winner, was presented with an E8 Elec-Trak garden tractor. The other 12 winners won either an electric snowblower or an electric lawnmower.

Our heartiest congratulations go to all the Best Buy winners who, by their extra efforts, have earned this special recognition!

The following photos show Bruce Laumeister with each of the winners. Missing from the photos is Maurey Bittle who won a snowblower.



Antoinette Caputo - Grand Prize

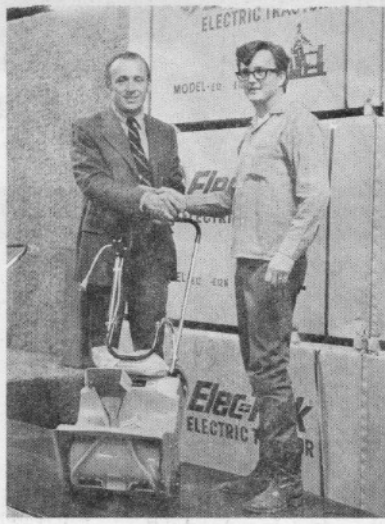


Harold Williamson - Second Prize





Larry St. John



Bill Lubarda



Bob Hemingway



Rod Paull



Eileen Pomeroy



Tom Wells



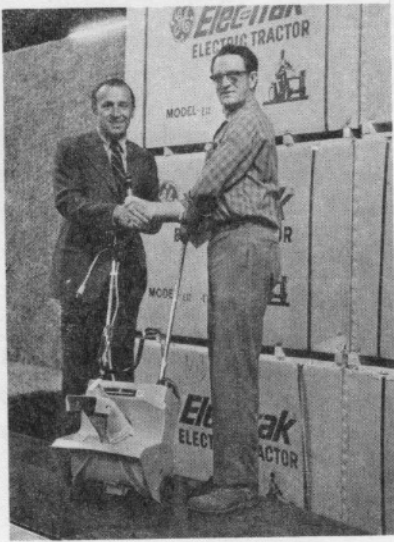
Gregg Crouse



Clyde Young



Ed Rudd



Cliff McConnell



Fred Clark

SEPTEMBER BEST BUY TOP TEN WINNERS

Photo shows Bruce Laumeister as he presented token awards and congratulated our most recent Top Ten winners. All of the winners were selected for this special recognition under our Best Buy Program because of their extra efforts and exceptionally good performance.



With Mr. Laumeister, from left to right are Walter Klug, Harold Williamson, Dan Cruickshank, Milt Brezee, Marie McCarthy, Cliff McConnell-Top Two winner and Fred Clark-Top Two winner. Missing from the photo are Ken Brown, Jake Harris and Doug Brown. Harold Williamson and Doug Brown had been previous winners.

Congratulations to all the winners!

QUIET PLEASE!

The OPEO Engineering Section is starting on a concentrated "noise reduction" program which will examine ways to improve our products' sound to the customer. To many of us the primary contributors of noise are easily identified, but to what degree each one contributes, and how we can economically implement changes to improve these areas is part of what we will be doing.

It might be hard for some of you to accept the fact that we need a noise reduction effort now, since we are the leaders in the industry in this area. This is just how we plan to stay ahead and prevent others from catching us. The work we are doing in Engineering today will help secure this leadership in the years to come.

THE I-5 INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL ELEC-TRAK tractor received a very good dealer reception at its recent unveiling. This is due, in part, to the complete line of accessories offered and to the fact that the I-5 is the only small tractor to date to receive a Type E classification. To receive approval for an E classification, tractors must meet very demanding safety and other specifications required by law before they can be used in industrial/commercial applications. Details of approval were worked out by OPEO and Factory Mutual Insurance Co.

Increased applications, of course, mean increased sales and jobs! So when you see the "big orange" on the line, keep in mind -- a little extra care will make the I-5 a real Best Buy for industry.

THE OPEO CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE held its first meeting and the party will be held at the Edgewood Restaurant, Altamont Avenue, December 2, 1972 with Dave Jarvis leading the band. I know a lot of you will be disappointed because the Bavarian Chalet was not picked; however the ticket price and the entertainment provided at the Edgewood should perk you right up. (Ticket price this year = \$5.00 per person vs. last year's ticket price of \$6.00 per person.)

We can still use those ideas of new committee members. If interested, please contact Ingrid Landers, Ext. 5-4416; or Debbie Beirlein, Ext. 5-4211.

SUGGESTION PLAN "BEST BUY" BONUS AWARDS - REMINDER

As an added incentive to improve the quality of cost-saving suggestions, two more big prizes have been added to those to be awarded in the Best Buy Grand Prize drawing at year end.

The two top suggesters who submit suggestions resulting in annual savings of \$1,000 or more will qualify for one of the big prizes along with the Top Two Best Buy Program monthly winners in the October-December period.

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SUGGESTION PLAN "BEST BUY" BONUS AWARDS (Cont'd.)

The grand prize for the October - December period is a model E10M Elec-Trak tractor with plow and chains. The other big prizes are five electric snowblowers and two electric lawnmowers. These are all in addition to the previously awarded prizes for the period ending in September.

This means that the two top suggesters will earn an equal chance with the Best Buy monthly winners. All will receive one of the big prizes since the number of prizes equals the number of winners.

GET YOUR COST-SAVING SUGGESTION IN NOW!

FACTORY WORK HOURS CHANGE

The recent survey results indicate that 78% of our factory employees prefer a one-half hour earlier starting time. Therefore, starting Monday, October 23, 1972, the shift schedules will be as follows:

First Shift	7:00 a. m.	to	3:30 p. m.
Second Shift	3:30 p. m.	to	12:00 midnight
Third Shift	10:30 p. m.	to	7:00 a. m.

Some office employees will be affected by the change and have been notified.

THIRD SHIFT

Recent improvements and changes in the balance of factory work loads have made it necessary to transfer our four third-shift employees to jobs on the other shifts - also effective October 23, 1972.