



Nebraska Byways

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Oshkosh Plant To Get Salute

THERE'S a big reason Oshkosh is printing the word "appreciation" in capital letters on the tickets for its appreciation banquet climaxing a "Salute to Midwec" Day next Saturday.

Citizens of the Garden County seat claim the booming electronic corporation is "the industry that has transformed a small town into a bustling community with a future."

The city's plans for the future including Midwec — got statewide recognition in 1970 with a third place in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program.

The company, a telephone equipment manufacturer, came to the Panhandle community in 1957. Today it has two plants employing 160 persons. Its output, combined with a third plant at Scottsbluff, resulted in gross sales of \$5 million last year.

Focal point of the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored salute will be the company's newest Oshkosh plant opened alongside Highway 26 on the east end of town last October.

The modern building will be the site of a 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. open house. The day will wind up with a 6:30 p.m. banquet in the Oshkosh Auditorium at which time investors and originators of the company will be honored. It will be followed by a reception at the Oshkosh Country Club.

Not No. 2 After All

NIORARA'S Danny and Arlene Liska, Nebraska's motorcycle explorers, photographers and lecturers, rode Cloud Nine out of Lincoln Thursday night.

The two, who have traveled out-of-the-way roads and places from the northernmost to southern tips of North and South America, Europe and Africa — had gracefully resigned themselves to the back seat earlier in the day.

They were to give a program for the Legislative Ladies League, an organization of past and present state officials' wives, held at the beginning of each legislative session in the Governor's Mansion.

Then President Nixon announced he was coming to Lincoln to salute the Cornhusker national champions football team and to give a major address—at the same hour. Some officials wives were invited to the Nixon appearance. Although the hostess to the Legislative Ladies, the wife of Gov. J. J. Exon had to help her husband greet the President.

League leaders ruled it was too late to cancel the program. Danny shrugged off the conflict as just another unexpected adventure.

But to everyone's surprise, the Liskas performed for one of the League's largest attendances. Mrs. Exon even got back in time to join in the applause for the Liskas.

League allegiance plus the lure of the Liskas' adventures were not the only reasons. Some women said they were concerned about seat limitations at the Nixon salute and didn't go.

"We thought we were going to be No. 2 but it turned out to be one of the top experiences in our lives," Danny said.