

VOX POP

In each issue several DB employees will be asked to give their views on a pertinent question. The question asked for this issue was:

What can we do to improve David Bradley in 1950?

HAL McCLEARY, Service Parts:

Some of us have grown quite careless in throwing gum and candy wrappers and cigarette stubs on floors and stairways. Many of the men who attended our last sales meeting were amazed at the cleanliness of our plant. We owe a lot to our present management for cleaning it up. Let's all help!



EUGENIA DEDAS, Timekeeping:

If all of us would think of David Bradley as though it were our own business venture, put in our very best effort and strive for full cooperation of everyone, I think it would make 1950 a banner year at David Bradley.



DEAN OSTRANDER, Supervision:

We at David Bradley need to work as a team to improve working conditions, to cooperate with our fellow workers, and to cut operational expenses. By doing this we may become the best organized team of Sears, Roebuck and Company. This will also develop and secure our position for the future.



C. RANTZ, Maintenance, Department 70:

My idea to make David Bradley a better place to work would be for each worker to assume a little more responsibility on his own job and to have a better understanding with his foreman. Also to talk up the factory, instead of trying to run it down. Last, but not least, to take a little more care of the equipment used; if it belongs to the worker, he knows it cost him plenty, and if it belongs to the company it also cost the worker in the long run, if he has Profit Sharing.



ED DRAZY, Experimental:

Every employe of David Bradley should realize that he or she is a part of Sears and, consequently, they are salesmen or saleswomen, and should be sold on our own product, which means we should be interested in making the very best product for 1950 . . . something we would be happy to buy as well as recommend to others.



H. JACKSON, Department 20:

I think David Bradley would automatically become a better place to work if we would take time to consider the advantages already provided by the company and by spending our "complaining time" in finding more efficient ways of doing our jobs.



Quality of DB Products Stressed at Session Here Of Farm Store Managers

Approximately 50 Sears farm store managers from the Northwest territory gathered January 16 and 17 at David Bradley for a sales meeting. The session was arranged and conducted by Department 632 of Sears, Roebuck and Company, Chicago, with Chet Heller in charge.

Bill's Loaded with Experience After 23 Years at DB

It was on January 4, 1927, when Orlando ("Bill") Stuck began his working career at David Bradley as a trucker in the Machine Shop.



A short time later he was transferred to the Sheet Metal Department and became one of the best machine operators in that line of work. His long period of experience have proved invaluable to him in his new duties as departmental set-up man, which has been his work for about a year.

Bill lives in his own home at 471 North Grand Avenue, Bradley, with his wife, the former Hazel Brickle, who he married on October 16, 1925, and six children—three boys and three girls. Being a real family man, Bill interests himself in Boy Scout work and is a member of the board of the Bradley Youth Center. He is also an active member of the Loyal Order of Odd Fellows. With all these activities, he has little time for hobbies, but admits he likes to fool around with model electric trains.

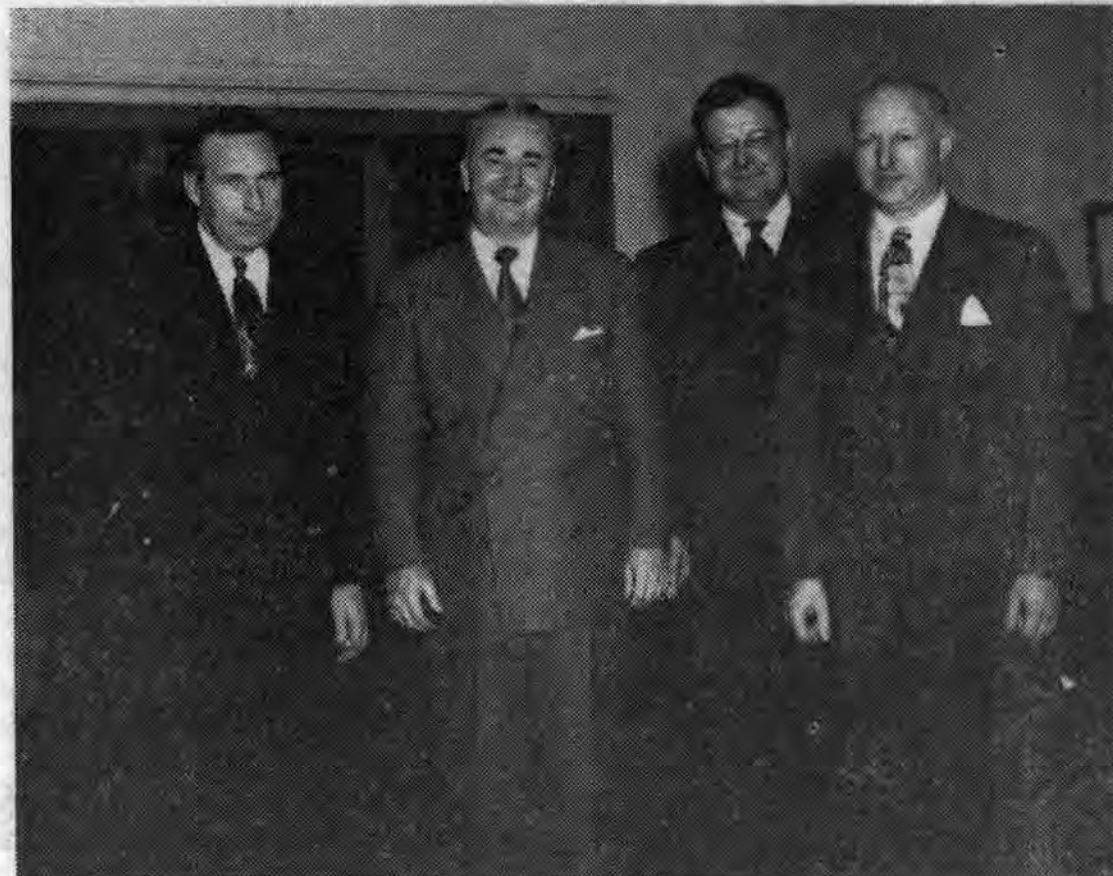
Mr. Stuck is a Profit Sharing, Group Life and Hospital Insurance member and is very happy with and proud to participate in all three benefits.

PACE TOO FAST!

No horse can go as fast as the money you bet on him.

All of us at David Bradley extend our deepest sympathy to Glen Metz of the Tool and Die Room on the recent death of his father; to Herman Steward of Steel Stores on the death of his father; to George Stoops of Inspection on the loss of his wife; to Abel Ducharme on the loss of his father; to Wesley Nourie of the Forge Shop, who lost his father, and to Everett Brosseau of the Inspection Department on the death of his mother.

Sears Officials Visit David Bradley Plant



Shown above, from left to right, are H. F. King of Sears, Roebuck and Company, assistant to the Vice-President; C. W. Jones, also of Sears, Supervisor of Departments 632, the farm machinery division, 647, the Coldspot line, and 671, the lawn and garden division; Ralph Rogers, General Manager of David Bradley, and C. C. Heller, Sears buyer of the David Bradley line.

These Sears people are of great importance to David Bradley. In addition to buying our line of products, they, through the many farm store and mail order outlets, sell our products to their customers, the farmers.

Upon these sales hinge the future of David Bradley. It is only natural for them to expect David Bradley to produce the best implements on the market at lower sales prices than those of our competitors.

David Bradley Veterans Await N.S.L.I. Refund

Though some may have already received their National Service Life Insurance refund check from Uncle Sam, most David Bradley World War II veterans are watching the mails for what will, perhaps, be the last recognition in the form of money for time spent in the armed forces.

Approximately 20,000 checks are being mailed from the area office in Chicago each day. The last three digits of each service man's number is being used in releasing them. In other words, those service men whose last three numbers were 000 should receive their checks first, 001 next, etc.

A man should work eight hours and sleep eight hours—but not at the same time.

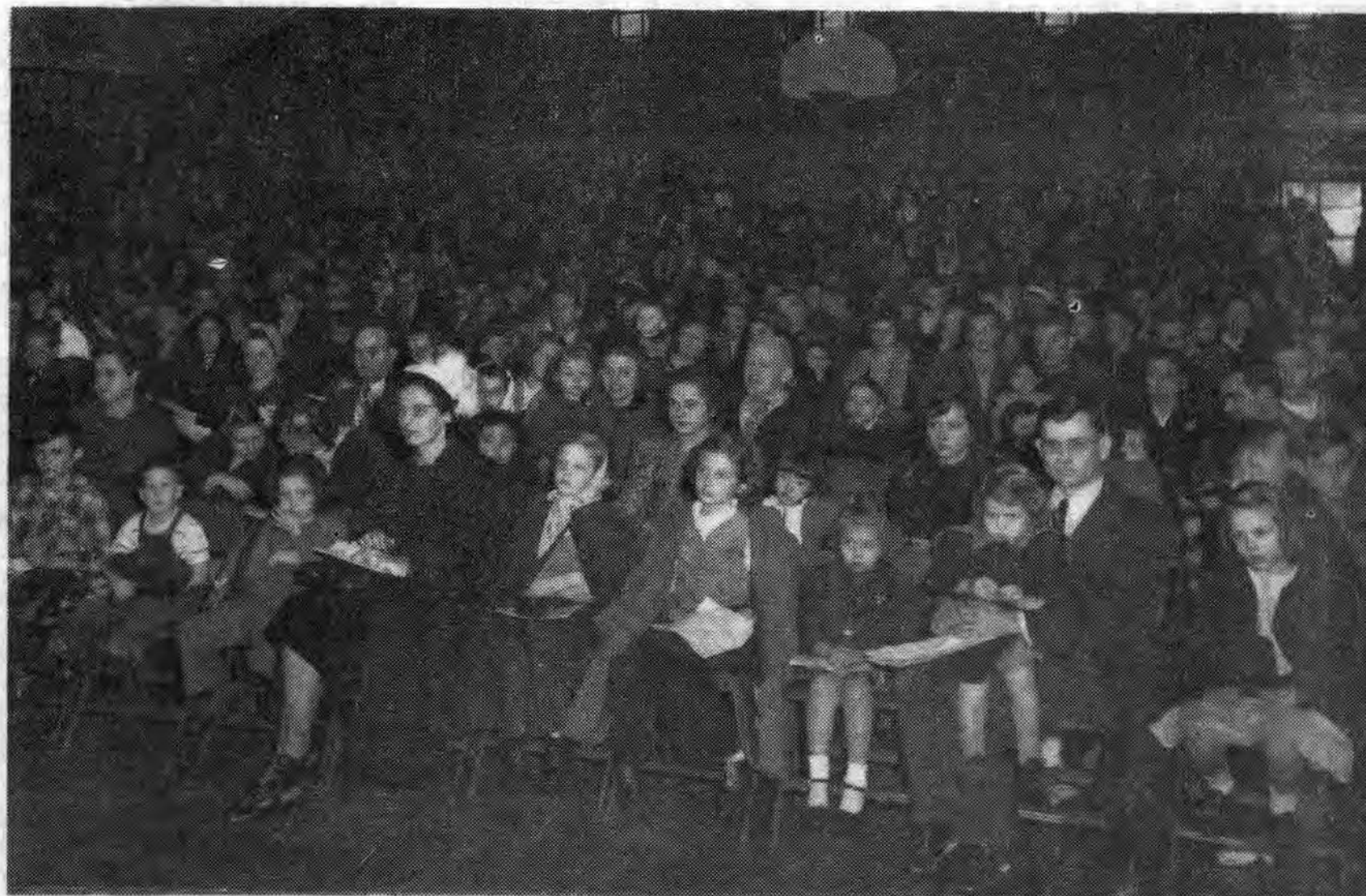
Withholding Tax Statements for 1949 Distributed

The payroll department distributed withholding statements (Form W-2) to all employes.

Unlike previous years, withholding statements must be accompanied by Form 1040A when filing returns for 1949. The necessary forms will be made available at the Personnel Office in the near future.

Form 1040A is the simplest method of filing. By using this form along with W-2, it is not necessary for anyone to determine the amount of tax. Based on the individual's answers, the collector of internal revenue will determine the amount, and send either a bill or refund to the taxpayer.

900 DB Youngsters Turn Out to Greet Santa at Annual Party



Above is a part of the David Bradley employes and their children who gathered at the Bradley Grade School gymnasium on December 17 to attend the sixth annual children's Christmas party. Over 900 children, many of whom were with their parents, were in attendance. They were entertained by a group of employes' children, shown appropriate movies, paid a surprise visit by Santa Claus, and were the recipients of fruit, candy, nuts, song books and balloons as they left the gymnasium.

From the kiddies' facial expressions and shouts of glee, it was quite evident that the party was a huge success. Every member of the Keymen's Club, the sponsors of the party, in collaboration with the Company, can have the personal satisfaction of knowing that they did a fine job in helping to make a happier Christmas for the children.

Dear David:

You don't always have to go to a catalog of yesteryear to find some of the styles and commodities of early America. In the last general catalog, for instance, there were listed such reminders of by-gone days as women's high-top shoes, kerosene lamps, Lydia Pinkham's Compound and Mother Hubbard nightgowns.

As we thumb through our Sears catalog the most expensive thing we can find is a 1½ carat diamond ring for \$1,560; at the rock bottom we find a roller skate key for five cents. I call that a real merchandising job, don't you?

Each page of Sears catalog is built up around one item, and that item is located, usually, at the top outside corner of the page, the most profitable position. Incidentally, while we're on this subject, it might interest you to know that the bookkeeping price set upon a Sears catalog is from \$5,200 per page for one in black and white, up to \$17,000 for a page printed in four colors.

The "dos" and "don'ts" of catalog copy writing are outlined for Chicago's Department 744 staff in a booklet entitled: "Sears Advertising Policies, Rules and Definitions." Some of the "Dos," they must say "customers" instead of "folks," "men" instead of "gents," "included with" instead of "free," and "please state color" instead of "must" state color.

The difficulty that a product has in getting entrenched in the catalog may be demonstrated by the experience of pajamas. This daring innovation in nightwear was carried as early as 1899—for men only. The half-hearted caption said: "Preferred by many to the regular nightrobs as just the thing for traveling, as their appearance admits to greater freedom than the usual kind of night-shirt." Customers were suspicious of this exotic garment, and it was promptly discontinued. Pajamas reappeared in 1906, but were omitted from the 1907 catalog. Still fighting, Sears again advertised pajamas in 1908. The next year the line was greatly extended, and since then pajamas have been a staple item. In 1948 Sears sold 291,804 pairs of them.

After writing this, I believe it myself, and I'm going to try a pair myself, come Spring.

So long,
YOUR EDITOR

First G.I.: "The touch of the nurse's hand cooled my fever instantly."

Second G.I.: "Yea, we heard the slap all over the ward."

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Used Thor washing machine; 9-pound size; 3½ years old; A-1 condition. Contact Vince Webster in Engineering or Dial 3-8338.

FOR SALE—Electrolux vacuum cleaner; one year old; in very good condition; priced reasonably. Contact A. Hannover in Chemical Laboratory or Dial 3-3504.

FOR SALE—Silver speckled "Hamburg" chickens; will sell at reasonable price. Contact Len Johnson in Foundry after 3:30 p.m. or Dial 3-3289.

FOR RENT—16x32-ft. Sears utility house; electricity, oil heat; located at 154 South Jefferson Avenue, East Bradley. See Ed Williams in Flo-Cote area or call at 443 North Indiana Avenue, Kankakee.

FOR SALE—1947 Buick green 2-door Roadmaster; has 1948 motor with only 15,000 mileage; new rubber. See Leon Kohan in Welding Department.

FOR SALE—18-ft. Coldspot home freezer, in good condition. Call plant extension 204, or contact A. T. Haden in Comptroller's Office.

FOR SALE—1933 Dodge 2-door; mechanically O.K.; good tires. See Gen Hebert in Engineering Department or Dial 2-1220.

Chet Heller Marks 25th Year with Sears



Chet Heller, right, is shown being presented by Mr. Rogers with an elaborate scroll, containing the names of his old friends and supervisors of David Bradley. The presentation, made on Friday, December 30, was in recognition of his 25 years of continuous service with Sears, Roebuck and Company.

Chet began in the employment at David Bradley late in December, 1924, as a clerk in the Sales Department, then under the supervision of James C. Hagearty, our Traffic Manager. Later Chet gained further knowledge of plant operations and management in the Forge Shop, the old Incubator Department, Assembly Room and many other departments. He was transferred to Sears in Chicago approximately 15 years ago.

All David Bradley people wish Chet many more years of good health and continued association in his work between Sears and David Bradley.

If You'd Like to Avoid Colds, Use Common Sense

Colds are caused by germs or a virus, not by drafts or by letting your feet get wet, or by going without sleep. Not one of these things cause a cold, but they do lower your resistance so that the cold germs can get in their work. Here are a few common sense rules that will help you avoid the "common" cold:

Rule No. 1—Keep out of line of a person sneezing or coughing. When you have a cold yourself, don't sneeze or cough in anyone's face. Always cover up with disposable tissues.

Rule No. 2—Eat the proper foods and drink plenty of water. Eat enough to satisfy you and keep your weight normal. Don't get fat! Overeating may be responsible for many colds. An excess of sugar and starch in the system changes the body chemistry and may leave you more open to the attack of the cold germs. Enough daily water drinking is one of the best ways to keep your body in tip-top fighting condition. Eight glasses a day, however, is a fair average.

Rule No. 3—Don't become overtired—get enough sleep. Eight hours each night. If you are not getting enough sleep, or are not sleeping well, you are not in the best of shape to defend yourself against colds. Houses tend to be too warm and too dry in winter. It's better for the local defenses of your nose and throat if the air is more moist. Set a pan of water on the radiator and keep filling it as the water evaporates.

Rule No. 4—Toughen yourself by exercise, fresh air and cool water baths.

SAMMY SAFETY SAYS . . .

Let us all remember that accidents happen more frequently during the winter season. Keep your minds on the job we are doing and think of "Safety First." Avoid accidents. You lose by them.

LEAVING GOD'S COUNTRY

Little Patsy was moving from California to New York with her parents, and was very excited. The night before the departure, she was saying her prayers as usual, and finished off with, "God bless Mommy and Daddy and my little brother, Danny; and this is goodbye, God—we're moving to New York tomorrow."

Harry Blanke, Retired DB Employee, Is Dead

Harry Blanke, a David Bradley retiree, of 443 South Evergreen Avenue, Kankakee, passed away January 13 after an extended illness. Mr. Blanke retired in August of 1945 after 22 years of service in the Forge Shop and Maintenance departments.

He is survived by a son, Raymond, two brothers and two sisters.

We at David Bradley extend our deepest sympathy to the survivors.

A police car cruising the streets received the following radio call: "Calling Car 13. Go to Broadway at Houston Street—nude women running down the street." There was a pause, then came an afterthought from the announcer: "All other cars stay on your beats. That is all."

STORE MANAGERS . . .

(Continued from Preceding Page) supplied by David Bradley was given the group on January 17, the final day of the meeting, which was concluded by the presentation of the 1950 selling program for the Northwestern zone by V. Hoppman.

We at David Bradley are grateful for the fine cooperation of Department 632 in holding their sales meeting at our plant. We are sure that many problems can be solved in this manner and that all of us in the farm implement divisions gained much from these meetings. Let's have more of them.

'TAIN'T OUR FAULT, IF YOU DON'T GET 'THE PIONEER PLOWMAN'

Within a few days after the last issue of The Pioneer Plowman was mailed, eight copies were returned to the Personnel Department, all marked as being incorrectly addressed.

Also, in recent weeks, our Employment Manager has attempted to contact people who were on layoff and, due to incorrect addresses, he encountered much difficulty in locating them.

So, we repeat, PLEASE inform the Personnel Department as soon as possible after changing an address.

Feb. 3 Last Date for Vets' Mustering-Out Pay Applications

Less than two months remain for many World War II veterans to receive their mustering-out pay, and the final date for making application is February 3, according to information supplied by the Illinois Veterans Commission.

Those veterans who served honorably in military service between December 7, 1941, and July 1, 1947, who were not receiving base pay higher than the third pay grade are eligible. Officers above the rank of captain in the Army or Marine Corps or above the rank of lieutenant in the Navy or Coast Guard are ineligible.

Allowances of \$100, \$200 and \$300 are authorized for men and women who served in the armed forces, based upon length and type of service. The \$100 is paid for active service of less than 60 days; \$200 for service of 60 days or more, and \$300 for active service outside the United States.

Service officers of the Illinois Veterans Commission will assist veterans or the survivors of veterans in making application before the time limit expires.

In Kankakee county veterans can receive aid at the IVC office located in the Arcade Building, 187 South Schuyler Avenue, Kankakee, Ill.

An Open Letter To Tractor and Truck Operators

All operators of mechanical moving devices, whether it be a fork tractor, an electric or hand dolly, or a hand truck, are urged to exercise additional care when operating their units.

In recent weeks a riveting machine was damaged after being hit by a power tractor, a fire hydrant was struck by a truck, doorways have been damaged, and an electric power panel, carrying 440 volts, was bumped and damaged.

While no persons were injured through these unsafe practices, a physical hazard does exist and the result of these acts can be very expensive to David Bradley. More and more men are being recalled to work and considerably more material will be flowing through the plant, which will call for additional use from our mechanical moving devices. Naturally, this means that conditions will be more crowded with the additional production.

We know our tractor operators do not want to become injured, nor do they want to be responsible for an injury to a fellow-worker, or become involved in an accident of any nature.

So, again, we ask that, while operating your unit, regardless of what type it may be, exercise care at ALL times when starting out on your trip and while positioning your load at the end of your trip.

Remember, a careful worker seldom becomes involved in an accident.

FRANK SOVINSKI
Safety Director

ARE WE FOOLISH?

We say we don't want government ownership because we know politicians cannot run a business. They cannot run a business because, being politicians, they place people in jobs for the reason that they can deliver votes and not because they know anything about running a business. But we elect them to the job of running the biggest business in the world—the United States of America.

Youngsters Talk Things Over with Santa



In the above photo Santa Claus is shown interviewing some of the children who had not written to him earlier. He informed us that some of the lists of toys and gifts requested by the children were of such length that it was extremely difficult for him to fill all their orders.

Office Girls' Christmas Party Is Acclaimed Huge Success



Above are shown many of the ladies who were in attendance at the annual Christmas party held by the office girls. This affair was held at the Kankakee Country Club on December 14. The ladies were entertained by the Martin Sisters and by Frankie White and his accordion. All those present indicated that the affair was a huge success.

Jibes, Jests and Facts About Folks You Know

Office Chatter

By JEANNE REGNIER
and Associates

We have quite a few of our office employes sporting shiny, new automobiles lately. Eileen Gallois has a new Ford, Therese Ruhm a new Chrysler, and Dean Ostrander, Wes Scott and Gen Hebert have new Plymouths.

Speaking of new cars, perhaps Tom Tyrell should try one. It seems his '27 model "Chevy" can't take the cold weather we've been having.

Doris Denoyer took a little spin to Chicago on Sunday of last week to see Sonja Henie. By all indications, the show was beautiful.

We're happy to see some of our former employes back with us again; namely, Tony Benoit, Norma Burr, Marlene Stutz, Anne Koenig and Stella Vaillancourt.

Adeline Durrell has transferred to the first floor as secretary to Mr. Scism and MacVene Betourne is taking Adeline's job as secretary to Mr. Quade. Don Billadeau has also transferred from Dispatchers to Material Control.

Have you seen the "sparklers" Vernette Granger and Doris Nelson are flashing around since Christmas?

Well, Rudy Koehle is a married man. He married Rosemary Joyce on January 14 at Essex, Ill. Honeymoon? Yes, but we couldn't find out just where they were going. A little bird just told your reporter that Koehle's first stop was at Crown Point, Ind.

We didn't know that the steps leading to the second floor were broken, but it seems that Frank Sovinski hit a "snag" or something and fell trying to get upstairs. That's all right, Frank, the Maintenance Department has everything under control now. "Safety First," you know. However, that is a difficult way to discover a safety hazard.

We see Tom Tyrell is looking much better after having spent ten days in the hospital and being off work for about two weeks. Glad to see you up on your feet again, Tom.

Max Bouchard worked up a new system for bowling a higher score, but in last week's game she forgot about it. The question is: Does the system work, or doesn't it?

Rex Bainter is going to have to quit wearing those flashy neckties. Everyone on the second floor is having eye trouble. It just has to be the neckties.

Earl Messerle has a new one. He plays shuffle bowling every noon to help raise his bowling score on Tuesday nights. Is there an improvement, Earl?

Another bowler, Maxine Naas, bowled over her head last week with a score of 185. She was so excited and worked up about it, she didn't show up for work the next day.

The engineers and various others up on second floor are wondering why Dorothy Saltsider is singing the "Missouri Waltz" so loudly of late.

Talk about a rare one! The other day Art Fehland sneezed so hard he threw his back out of line. The outcome—he couldn't sit straight on his chair for two or three days.

We hear Earl Miller has some good television shows on every night. Maybe he'll invite us over some night to enjoy TV, too.

WANTED — Rooters for the girls' bowling team on Wednesday nights at Dandelles. Refer all applications to Correne Mehrer.

Forgings

By MAL FAVORS

Press time again. My, how those four weeks roll around!

Certainly feels good to be making out work cards for more and more fellows coming back on the job.

Now that Phil Ashline is operating the new electronic welder on plow shares, he attempts to make us believe that it is an atomic machine, whatever that is. Do you know, Phil?

The personnel of the entire department offers their congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Senesac on their recent marriage.

Did you see the pretty picture of Harry Crevier as he accepted

his 35-year service pin from Mr. Rogers? He sure is proud. He spent the rest of the day showing it off. Congratulations, Harry! We all sincerely hope that you are with us for another 35 years.

We learned that Johnny O'Flaherty spent some time in First Aid under the infra-red lamp. What was wrong, Johnny? Did the Mrs. learn some new wrestling holds from watching television?

Experimental Splatter

By HARRY GILBERT

Well, Christmas is over and Dad is footing the bills and saying to himself that he is glad it is past. Likewise, New Year's is past and all resolutions have been broken by now, so after all what is the use. Christmas came with the customary presents. "Red" Lochner got some socks, but said he didn't need them, as he was still wearing a good pair yet. The usual flow of neckties was common. The boss got a pair of pajamas, and he was so proud of them he never took them off for two days. Ed Drazy got a rattle box to match his head. Clodi bought some mechanical toys for his kids, but in reality he got them for himself so he could brush up on his own mechanical ability. Oscar Lanoue got a toy automobile. Someone must have thought he should have a car. He has been waiting for Santa Claus to bring him one. You know he carries a driver's license, so now he's all set.

New Year's Eve someone said they saw "Red" Lochner going down the street with a manhole cover under his arm. When he was asked what he was going to do with it, he said, "Why, that's a record and I'm going home to play it." One of our bunch was seen in a tavern New Year's Eve. He was heard ordering a drink. When the bartender brought it, this man said, "Bring me to." After he drank them, he kept on hollering, "Bring me to." And he hasn't come to even yet. Maybe you know who we mean.

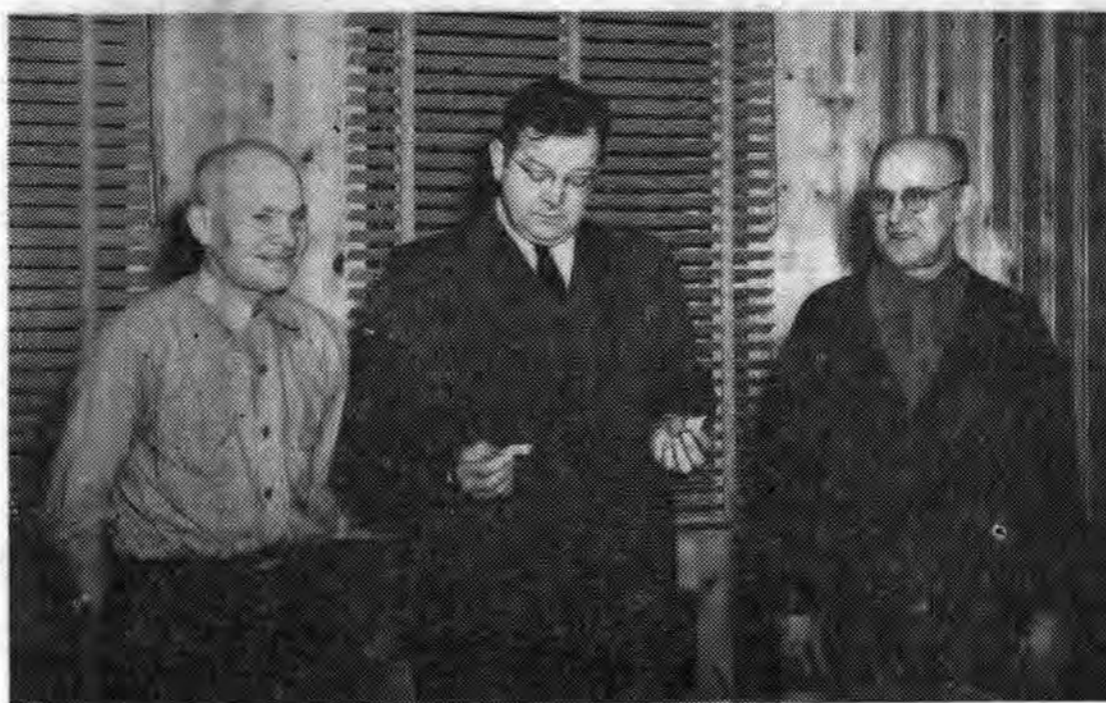
Don't know what's going on over at St. Anne, but whatever it is, it sure isn't improving our men. Clodi is wearing a mustache and a goatee. Perhaps he thinks he looks like Buffalo Bill Cody, but in reality he's running neck and neck with B. O. Plenty. Harry Gilbert says Clodi looks like he swallowed a crow and left his tail sticking out. Anyway, Clody sure has a long face now and before long he will look like he has a cow's face—long and sad.

Our noon time lunch period grows more and more on the scientific side of life. We were discussing the earth and its orbit, eclipses, archeology, etc. We had a man shot to the moon in a rocket. Paul Gall wants some of the green cheese when he returns. We were in King Tut's tomb and finally Joubert, who is the greatest scientist of all of us, was telling of the Tower of Babel, where the great men of that day were going to build this tower up into the heavens. It excited the wrath of God and he made the people to speak in different tongues so they couldn't understand each other. Merrit Rantz, the old philosopher, remarked, "That's why the French are so dumb." The conversation then drifted to religion, unearthed temples, King Tut's tomb and other unearthed old relics. King Tut came in for his share of talk when Rantz pipes up with, "I knew a man once who wanted to die in a church, so he shot himself in the temple!" Nuts.

Vince Webster, who, as you know our shining engineer, came down in our department the other day and he never wears a hat. One of our bunch remarked, "Webster sure has a heavenly head, hasn't he?" When asked why by another one of our beavers, he answered, "Well, there is no parting there!"

Merrit Rantz and Roland Joubert each bought one of Sears latest furnaces. They report that the furnace is doing an excellent job and we can believe it, for it has the finest principles in a furnace we have ever seen. Well, anyhow, these heating units have brought their homes up to the very best in modern equipment, and someone asked Rantz if he didn't have a modern home now. He replied,

Receive 35-Year Service Pins



Shown above, from left to right, are George Dominiak of the Foundry, Ralph Rogers, General Manager, and Harry Crevier of the Inspection Department, as they were presented 35-year service pins by Mr. Rogers in recognition of their long and faithful service with David Bradley.

Service Anniversaries

FIVE YEARS

Beverly Osenga, Office, January 13, 1945.

Lawrence Cox, Foundry, January 10, 1945.

FIFTEEN YEARS

Jerome Power, Machine Shop, January 9, 1935.

Wesley Scott, Supervisor, January 14, 1935.

"No, not quite. I have five rooms and a path."

Harry Gilbert came in to work after Christmas with a new micrometer that Santa Claus had left in his sock and is now trying to find someone to teach him how to read the darned thing. So far he has measured everything in the department except the boss man and doesn't know how big anything really is. Roland Joubert said, "Harry, we hope to see the day when you are able to read that C. Clamp." We wonder if he can read one.

Most anyone can lose most anything, but it takes an expert to lose a truck wheel and Merrit Rantz is that expert. One evening on the way home after work, Rantz lost a rear wheel from his little red wagon, which scared the wits out of him and also his rider, Harry Gilbert.

Passing through the millwright department the other day, your scribe stopped where Louie Lustik was working. Don't know whether it was an accident, or whether he did it intentionally, but Louie happened to remove his shop cap. We were shocked to death at what we saw. If Louie ever goes out on the street or to church and does this, he will surely be arrested for indecent exposure.

In the last issue of our paper we told about "Red" Lockner visiting his relatives in the Brookfield Zoo. Well, we heard something more about that visit. "Red" was going around with his wife and kids, just having a whale of a time looking at the animals and friends, when he came to the lot where the camels were. I guess a thought must have struck him. Anyhow, he has a bump on his head. He reached down and picked up a straw on the ground and put it on the camel's back. "Red" stood there for a minute or two. Nothing happened, so he turned around, walked away and said to his wife, "Nope. Wrong straw."

We are always telling you about our old bachelor, Oscar Lanoue, and how we have tried to get him married. Well, now we know why he has never taken on a wife. It seems that he did have a love affair at one time and he was about to propose, but before doing so he wished to be sure she would make a good housewife. One night when he was courting her, he came near to popping the question. He said to her, "Can you wash dishes?" "Yes," she replied, "can you wipe them?" He didn't propose.

Some of our St. Anne boys have joined what they call "The Whisker Club," and one of them is in our department, and he sure is a sight. Paul Baudreau wants him to be Santa Claus for his kids

next Christmas if he doesn't shave. Yes, we are talking about "Billy Goat" Clodi. He doesn't even make a good looking goat and doesn't even look good with that goatee. But if you chance to meet up with something that doesn't resemble either man or beast, but looks like a large goat with clothes on, just make up your mind that it is Francis Clodi. He says that there are other men in St. Anne that look worse than he does. No wonder the town is going to the goats. If he wants to be a goat, he will have to stand for "kidding."

Now that everyone has his or her income tax deduction receipts we will soon be batting our heads against a brick wall trying to make out our tax reports. This writer is going to move to Washington, D.C., so he can be near to his money. Here's a little piece of poetry we hatched up which may be food for thought:

Scientists and smart men all declare
That the world revolves upon
its axis.
But it seems to me, when they
take my share,
That the old ball spires on its
taxes!

Here's a limerick for our be-whiskered Francis Clodi:

There was a man with a black
mustache,
That always got filled with his
hash.
And when he drank tea,
O, dearie, dear me
The meat and taters went
splash!

Clodi is now beginning to look like an Arab.

We are now building the world's greatest tractor under the guidance of Merle Bloom and hope to name it "That Blcomin Tractor, The Greatest in the Corn Belt." Perhaps we should call it "The Cracker Jack," for it breaks its back or bends in its belly.

Machine Shop

By JERRY POWERS

Clarence Buck's worries are over about anyone ever breaking into his grocery store, because Roy Armstrong is moving into the apartment in back of his place of business. Roy says if there's anything left for robbers after he is done, they can have it.

Ed Geistwhite certainly can't figure out Larry Yonke any more. The other day he saw Larry shopping and, lo and behold, Larry had six cans of baby food. Maybe Larry isn't a bachelor any more.

Hank Neftzger has the sports article about Jerry Powers being a star basketball player cut out and framed. He says he now shows his company that he is working with a former big-time ball player. Nice work, Henry!

The boys believe Al Barham gets up about 4 o'clock in the morning to get ready for work. Nobody can come in with their hair set and all perfumed like Al does without a lot of preparation.

Van Essington is a strong Illinois fan in basketball, but is very sorry they're not going so good. But, truthfully, Van, we don't believe they could beat Bradley High School.

Pat Regnier can't understand

Metal Trades

Council to Hold

Banquet on Feb. 4

The 11th annual banquet and dance under the auspices of the Kankakee County Metal Trades Council will be held Saturday, February 4, beginning at 6 p.m. The informal affair will be held this year at the Knights of Columbus ballroom, Kankakee.

August Mear, banquet chairman promises an excellent dinner, an outstanding dance band and a fine program in general. Victor Lauridsen, a local attorney, will again act as toastmaster for this year's program.

why they don't call the high school Bradley and Bourbonnais, because that is the real name for it. Just wait until they start losing games, Pat. Then they'll change it to Bourbonnais High School.

If anyone is thinking of visiting the Guenettes, they better bring along a hammer and nails. Al says he just got his hardwood flooring in. We don't believe you will be bothered until Spring.

One thing for sure, Walt Laskey won't be late. He helps Stanley, the night watchman, over by the back gate. Either they don't have coal at home or he is in love with the factory.

Plant Ramblings

By YOUR ROVING REPORTER

In accordance with the centennial pageant to be staged next July in the village of nearby St. Anne, some of our boys are letting their sideburns, whiskers and mustaches grow. And talk about brush piles! Fran Clodi of Experimental, Les Vanderlinden and Ayling Burgess of Assembly are growing really beautiful sets of feathers. On one of them, it looks good.

Have you noticed the absence of overalls and the appearance of a necktie on Bud Hays, our Central Trucking supervisor? Now we can tell who the foreman is—he looks very nice!

Two of our Maintenance men, Lyle Hasbarger and Fred Fennell, left David Bradley recently. Lyle will go into business for himself and Freddie will continue to follow the electrical trade. It was swell knowing and working with you fellows. Good luck!

Art Miner, Sheet Metal time-keeper, completed 34 years of service with David Bradley on January 6. Congratulations, Art!

We were happy to see Paulie Stevenson return to work after a siege of illness. By the way, did you know that Paul is a distant relative to Governor Stevenson? Yep, he really is!

Lee Williamson of the Warehouse was the first victim of a lost-time accident for 1950. Let's all think and work safely, boys. It doesn't pay to take chances.

After seeing the large number of farm store managers from the Minneapolis territory going through the plant, we only wish that they would bear down more and get more sales. It would give us additional work.

George Dominiak of the Foundry is certainly proud of the 35-year service pin he recently received from Mr. Rogers. He wears it in a clear plastic case on his hat.

We hear through the grapevine that General Woods of Sears recently complimented the management at David Bradley for maintaining a clean factory. That's fine. Let's all continue our house-keeping program. It makes working conditions much better.

SHE GOT HER MAN!

"Who gave the bride away at the wedding?"

"Her little brother. When the bridegroom said 'I do' Willie yelled: 'Hurrah, Sis, you've got him at last!'"

POLITENESS

Polite Borrower: "Thanks so much for the use of your hot water bag. It leaked just a little, but my husband put on a mackintosh over his pajamas."

Maple Splinters

By FRANK SOVINSKI

Highlights of December 20

High game for the session was hit by Al Keller, who fired a 247 game. Herbie Blair's 220 game was good for second high.

Russ Hubert, who had just returned to our league, shot high series of 620. Al Keller's 599 held up for second high.

The Mowers' 853 game was one higher than the Hay Rakes' 852 for high game. The Rakes' 2432 series was high over the Tractors' 2407.

Quite a number of bowlers absent from this session. The Bradley-Kankakee basketball game offered too much competition. After Bradley won the game, Sam Coffman wished he had bowled. Evidently Tony Ciaccio must have had his mind on the basketball game, also. His 395 series was just about the amount of cash he lost on the game.

The Hay Rakes swept their series by the Loaders by 199 pins. They're hot!

Eddie Drazy is going to resign as a bowling coach. He says that when the pupil can beat the coach, it is time to fold up. Thanks, Eddie, for your time. It certainly has improved the writer's bowling.

This guy A. T. Haden certainly is gathering in the bucks from some of us suckers. Watch him, fellows. Don't spot him too many pins. Your scribe found out the hard way.

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Highlights of December 27

The league bowled against new wood at this session and the maples were sure tough to bring down.

"Long Tom" Travis hit high game of 209, with Russ Hubert shooting 208. Tom's 568 series nosed out Russ by two pins for high series.

The new pins didn't seem to bother our last place Spreaders. Their 2493 series was not only high for the season for them. The Drags shot a 2472 series for second high. They also fired high game of 872, while the Spreaders hit an 862 game for second high.

Poor little Earl Fogle — he picked up the tough 8-10 pin split after he had gone over the foul line. That's rough, Cousin.

Speaking of cousins, we wonder how come "Pop" Freborg always refers to Earl as "Cousin" Fogle. Your scribe's "cousin," Charley Brinkman, added three more little jugs to our forthcoming "case."

The Loaders climbed from third place to the top of the heap by sweeping their series against the Shares. Can you imagine a score of 741 being high for these two teams?

Matty Mathews had "foul" trouble on four occasions, yet he fired a 527 series. Lotta wood, Matty!

Talk about good luck charms! Bill Korstick showed up smoking a new pipe—a Christmas present—and promptly shot a 539 series. Eddie Geistwhite had Bill worried when he hid the pipe for a couple of frames.

Rudy Koehle hit a new high game for himself, shooting a 184 game to help his team nose out the Tractors by 14 pins.

Frankie Pezdirtz had a big serving of "cabasa" for supper and then shot a 524 series. Same some for the rest of us, chum!

Elmer Pahnke missed the session—flooded by the "flu" bug.

Roy Armstrong continues to improve his average. Hit 495 to bring it up to 149.

Did you notice the Christmas present Orville Palmer called a shirt? That blue, white and black plaid certainly showed up!

Who was the bowler who rolled the first four frames before he discovered his bowling shoes were still in his locker? What was wrong, Davy? Too much Christmas?

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Highlights of January 3

Earl Messerle started out the New Year right. His first game of 246 was not only high for the session, but, plus handicap, gave him a 274 game, good for third high in the individual high game

standings. He nosed out Larry Powers by a single pin.

The old spot bowler, Eddie Geistwhite, fired a 234 game for second high. His 608 series was high for the night; also a new high for Ed thus far this season. He says he likes alleys 5 and 6.

The Mowers and Hay Rakes monopolized the team scores. The Mowers hit high game of 874 and second high series of 2420. The Rakes' 2495 series was tops, with their 866 game second high.

Yep, we saw him do it. Mark Seism, a 165 bowler, must have been bowling on narrow alleys. He threw THREE balls in the gutter. Of course, Dean Ostrander and Jim Goodman, Mark's opponents, didn't say a word. Oh, no!

Hank Reitmeier's Seeders rolled a game of 614 against the Mowers' 874 game. Mammy, imagine losing by 260 pins. Sixteen splits and 12 "Murphys" were included in their game. Hank says, "Yea, and we spot 'em five pins yet!"

This guy A. T. Haden raised his average another three pins. His good "cousins," Earl and Elmer, are still making their weekly contributions to the mink coat fund.

"Slim" Kohl cracked the 200 and 500 clubs, hitting a 205 game and a 529 series. How about some lessons, "Slim"?

Dick Beck arrived a little late and promptly bowled a 106 game. And his team won the game to remain in first place by a single game at this date.

The tough 6-7-10 pin split was picked up by "Lefty" Ciaccio. Nice going, Tony.

Jack Garrett celebrated his return to the plant from layoff by hitting a 496 series. Welcome back, Jack.

The slipping Drag Harrows won the third game, snapping our Spreaders' hot streak of five consecutive games. "Matty" Mathews' 215 game was the shot that spread us out.

Tommy Kerouac and Ernie Hood missed bowling for the first time this season due to the illness of Tom's boss, Mrs. Kerouac, and Ernie's battle with the "flu." Hurry back, guys.

We understand that the management at Marycrest checked up on "Pop" Freborg BEFORE bowling, to see if he was wearing bowling shoes.

George Billadeau returned to the alleys after a three-week absence. Why didn't you bring your new pin boy with you, George?

"Pappy" Nelson and Marty Ams, a couple of 150 bowlers, hit series of 392 and 366, respectively, against each other. Just a case of two much bearing down.

Don't ever let Vern Bisping stand in back of you while rolling off a bet. Your scribe found out that you can't beat him.

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Highlights of January 10

New wood again, and was it tough! A 221 game by "Bud"

DAVID BRADLEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Loaders	34	23
Hayrakes	32	25
Drag Harrows	31	26
Planters	31	26
Plow Shares	30	27
Mowers	29	28
Disc Harrows	28	29
Wagons	27	30
Tractors	26	31
Plows	26	31
Spreaders	25	32
Seeders	23	34

Menard was high, while Tony Staniszeski was hitting a 218 game for second high. Tony's 559 series won the jackpot, with Eddie Drazy taking second honors with a 544 series.

Al Keller's Hay Rakes hit high game—896—and high series of 2423. The Drag Harrow's 856 game and 237 series were both good for second high.

After bowling 54 games, Tony Ciaccio has knocked down a total of 8,000 pins. He is now known as "Two-Ton" Tony.

Our Paulie Legris was experimenting with a new delivery. After throwing three consecutive balls in the gutter, he went back to his old style.

George Billadeau fired a new high series for himself—542 pins. He raised his average by two pins and went from 38th to 27th place in the individual averages.

A. T. Hader picked up another two pins on his average. He beat out Earl Fogle in a photo-finish on their side bet for total pins by a single stick of maple.

Wes Scott missed bowling for the first time this season. Was out of town on business. His son, Paul, a real bowler, filled in for him.

A strong series (528) by Leroy Pombert assisted his team to sweep their series from Larry Power's Tractor team. He was high man for the session.

The following was copied from the "Bowling News," national publication of the American Bowling Congress magazine:

"Bradley, Ill.—'Grease' 'Pus' Newman rolled a 174 triplicate here on October 12, 1949. It was the first triplicate in the history of the David Bradley Bowling League."

"Grandpa" Beck, after having a score of 55 at the end of the fifth frame of his third game, got hot and finished up with a 169 game. Yea, against us!

The boys on the Loader team certainly have a lot of respect for their leadoff man, "Hammerhead" Nelson. They should — he only bought them about a case of "suds" on beer frames.

Russ Hubert and Ed Geistwhite, the two tough boys on the Wagon team, both had bad nights—for them. The poor guys only had series of 477 and 467, respectively. Their three other men were hot and helped keep Hank Reitmeier's team in the basement by sweeping their series against the Seeders. Money bowlers, says Davy Freborg.

Earl Fogle raised his average by a pin. So did Elmer Carpenter, leaving them tied with 130 aver-



*A grinder whose skill was unique
Imagined himself quite a sheik.
To impress the fair lasses
He refused safety glasses
'Til a chip blitzed his eyes—and technique!*

ages. Elmer says he can't let the "boss" get ahead of him.

Elmer Meyers shot a big 95 for his third game. The Planters' third game totaled 686 pins, and yet they are only three games behind the leaders.

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Highlights of January 17

Si Simerson is mad at the writer. For the first time this season Si had the honor of hitting high game for the league and your scribe shorted him eight pins on his high game of 220, in the Daily Journal. He was particularly provoked because of the fact that Mrs. Simerson not only makes the local paper quite frequently as being the high bowler in her league, but she also outbowls Si. Sorry, chum. "Pus" Newman shot a 212 for his first game. Good for second high. He needed a big game as his team won that game from the Drags by a margin of three pins.

Russ Hubert and Ed Geistwhite got back on the beam, shooting series of 551 and 547, respectively, high enough for first and second high.

The Loaders sopped high game of 853 and high series of 2481. The Planters' 851 took second high game, while the Wagons hit 2418 for second high series.

Talk about consistency! The last place Seeders hit games of 829, 666 and 819. Needless to say, they did win two out of three from the Plows.

Rudy Koehle missed bowling for the first time this season. He, however, had a good alibi. Rudy has always been a good sport and competitor, but, as of Saturday, January 14, he is a married man. And he was such a swell guy, too.

"Pop" Nelson and Charley Brinkman just can't break 200. They both hit new high games for themselves, 198 and 194, respectively. Keep firing, fellows, you'll make it yet!

BACK TO NATURE

There's something feminine about a tree:

It does a strip tease in Fall;
Goes bare limbed all Winter;
Get's a new outfit every Spring;
And lives off the sap all Summer.

Fur, Feathers . . . and Scales

By FRANK SOVINSKI

The Illinois shooting season, which started September 15, 1949, with the opening of the squirrel season in the northern zone, closed last Sunday, the final day for rabbit hunting.

Since the opening day, hunters have had a chance to bag squirrels, doves, ducks, geese, pheasants, quail and rabbits, not to mention predators and fur-bearing animals. That sounds like plenty of opportunity for the shooting man but, unfortunately, the picture isn't as bright as it appears. Most of the important seasons are brief and the daily bag limit is small.

Feed and cover, essential to wildlife, is getting scarcer and scarcer. Swamps are being dredged and the hedge rows are being pulled up. Farmers have become more reluctant in permitting hunting, due to bad past experiences with killed stock, opened gates, damaged crops and broken fences. Unless something is done soon, hunting in local areas will become obliterated. A good question is: What can be done to alleviate this situation? There is much we can do. We can join local sportsmen's clubs. They are constantly working with the Department of Conservation and the farmers in the raising of quail, pheasants, the planting of florea-rose hedges, and the feeding of game birds during freezing weather and heavy snow.

You hunters who purchased the 1949-50 waterfowl stamp can help the duck and goose situation by sending your stamp to Ducks Unlimited, 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N.Y. These expired stamps are sold to collectors and the revenue aids in supplying the organization with added funds for marsh restoration and thus do double duty in waterfowl conservation. So let all of us comply with this worthy cause. It will cost us only a three cent stamp.

Our buddy, Earl Messerle, certainly gets into the darndest predicaments. Si Simerson and Earl were walking alongside a barbed wire fence along a country road with Earl on the outside. A rabbit popped out ahead of Earl, who shot and crippled the poor, defenseless bunny. Just as the rabbit crossed the fence into a cornfield, Earl took off after it. An automobile coming along the road stopped and two game wardens approached Si, and asked him why his partner was running away. Si attempted to explain that Earl was only chasing a crippled rabbit, but couldn't convince the game wardens, who took off after Earl. After catching up with him, they learned that it was a true story, much to the relief of Si and Earl.

HORRIBLE MISTAKE

"Look here," said the indignant woman in the post office, "your mistakes are getting too bad. My husband has gone to Denver on business and this morning I had a letter from him with a New York postmark."

DIDN'T CARE FOR HI

Silas: "There goes Hi Smith. Hi ain't the man he used to be."
Zeke: "No and gosh darn him, he never was."

Here's Both Sides of An Old Argument Which Appeared on Bulletin Board of Minneapolis Plant

Millions of words of ponderous prose have been written on the long-simmering debate between labor and management on the "speed-up" versus "feather-bedding," but seldom has the argument been so neatly condensed as in two anonymous jingles which appeared on the bulletin board of a Minneapolis area grain mill.

The first of these lyric masterpieces, entitled "A Fair Day's Work," presented the old, time-dishonored argument that a company seeks to step up the working pace continually, in order to reduce the payroll and increase profits:

Seven men working, now there's six.
Don't be disturbed, just a company trick.
Six men working, now it's but five;
Same production. Why, a man can't keep alive!
Five men producing, now it's but four;

Lots less men, company getting more.
Three men left—company inspiration:
Not many men, but the perspiration.
Conditions are worse, but the company's not through:
Where once there were seven, now there are two.
The battle goes on, it's nearly won.
With the help of a stop-watch it's down to one.
He sweats, he moans, he hops like a jerk.
Trying to put out that "fair day's work."

And then came the "answer." The verse may or may not be equal to Shelley's best, but the reasoning is airtight:

One man working, for jobs are few;
A gadget appears, and now there are two.
Production was slow, prices high,

But costs were cut, now people can buy.
Two men working, a new light they see,
Comes a new engine and now there are three.
Three men working, steam is controlled,
Four men are needed, new jobs unfold.
Comes light in a bottle, the reaper is born;
The auto comes chugging, much blowing of horn.
Four men working, now there are five.
Five becomes six as new factories thrive.
Inventions flow like manna from Heaven,
New jobs are created, now there are seven.
This story of progress has hit foul and fair,
If one job is taken, many new ones are there.
Sixty million workers, shifts night and day.