

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:

How do you feel we can most effectively impress employes with the present day importance of keeping cost down and quality up?

FARRELL ARSENEAU, Welding: If every person working today would stop and realize that we are back in the selling age once again and competition on merchandise is keen, they would do their utmost to put the best quality into their product to lower manufacturing costs.



HAVEN CROSS, Stores: Explain that unless our products have good quality and are priced right against competition, they will not sell and, therefore, our jobs will not be here. It is important that we all do our utmost to cut all possible costs and improve our quality if possible.



MEL BOULE, Methods: We must have a worker-supervisor relationship that has a bearing on quality. Provide the worker with the right tools and instruction and maintain quality by applying the principle of constructive criticism. Impress upon all that we must make a product that our fellow-worker will buy, and at a price he can afford.



FLOYD SWARTZ, Sheet Metal: I think we can impress most workers with the importance of keeping costs down and quality up by the simple economic lesson of supply and demand. With supply catching up with demand, our products will have to equal or better that of our competitors.



DON VADEBONCOUER, Machine shop: Now that production is meeting demand, means we will be selling on a buyers' market. It is imperative that our products at least maintain equal quality and price with competition. To protect our jobs and Profit Sharing, we should do our utmost to attain low cost and high quality.



JIMMY HAZZARD, Assembly: Competitive selling is now coming into being. Each worker should be aware of what this will mean to his job. All supervisors should be thoroughly schooled concerning the cost and quality of our competitive implements and this information should be discussed on the job by supervisor and worker.



George Beckhelm, Office, Factory Battle Through Two Sessions; Plant Guard, Bids Farewell to DB

(See Photo Below)

Our genial day shift guard, George Beckhelm retired for employment with David Bradley on Monday, January 31. All of us will miss his smiling face and the cordial greetings he always extended to those passing the guard house.

George was born February 28, 1883, at Joliet, Ill., and moved with his parents to Kankakee in 1893. His father was employed by the Turk Manufacturing Company and, at an early age, George followed in his footsteps and also joined the company and eventually rose to foremanship of the graining and paint department. He left Turk's in 1929 and accepted a position with the Illinois State Highway Patrol, where he remained until 1941, when he went to work as a guard at Pullman Aircraft. George started in our employment as a guard on August 3, 1942, and since that date has served his company in that capacity.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckhelm reside in their own home at 183 North Washington Avenue, Bradley. A daughter, Mrs. Evelyn DeVaney, lives in Chicago.

George served as a member of Company L of the National Guard in Kankakee for a period of 16 years. During the Mexican Rebellion he was ordered to the Mexican border, where he served under General Fungston and later under Captain "Black Jack" Pershing. The Mexican leader of the rebellion at that time was Pancho Villa. While stationed at Fort Sam Houston, George came to like that section of the country and recently has expressed his desire to return there.

The boys of the Maintenance Department presented him with a purse last Friday afternoon, in appreciation for the cooperation and friendliness extended to them.

Those of us who remain at David Bradley certainly regret his leaving us. We all wish him continued good health and want him to know that his many friends here join in wishing him much luck in the future.

Sammy Safety Says:

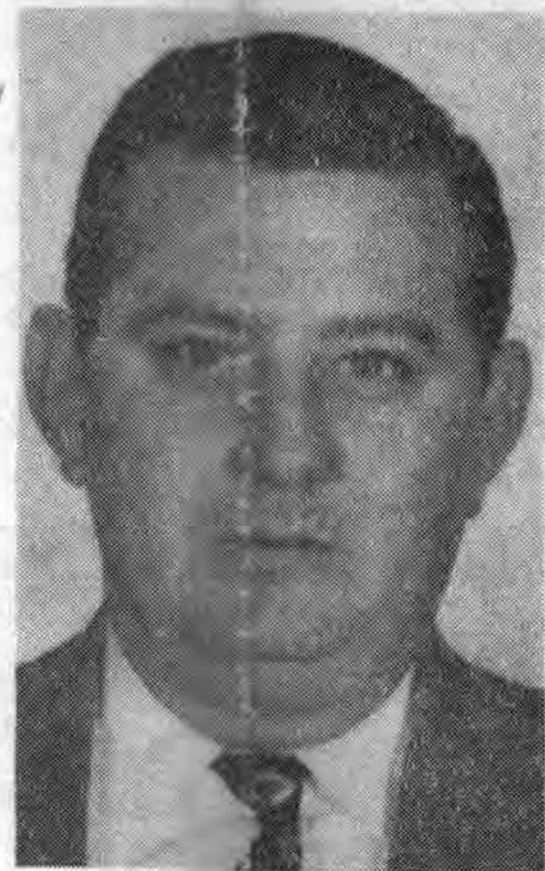
"A word to the Wise,
Use both your Eyes."

Day Shift Guard Retires



GEORGE BECKHELM (right) says goodbye to his Supervisor, Don Bell.

George, day shift guard, retired from David Bradley Monday, January 31.



Fogel at Helm As Factory Manager

Earl Fogel of Milwaukee, Wis., became Factory Manager of David Bradley on January 3, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Lester. Earl came to us from the Geuder, Paeschke and Frey Company of Milwaukee, where he was in charge of all manufacturing operations. Prior to his work with Geuder, Paeschke and Frey, he was with the Ingersoll Steel Company, in charge of a phase of aircraft production. He has 16 years of industrial experience, and has served in a number of executive positions since leaving the job of machine operator.

Being a married man with two boys, 13 and 17 years of age, Earl is anxious to move his family to our community. Mrs. Fogel and the boys have already visited our community and like it here.

Gazing at the wall in Earl's office, one would soon discover that he is a fisherman, being in possession of a fisherman's certificate which entitles him to come home with an empty creel and still brag about the big one that got away.

Earl at present is busy getting acquainted with the plant and its personnel.

The March of Dimes profited to the extent of \$150 from two basketball games played by David Bradley employes on January 20 at the Bradley High School gymnasium. Nearly 500 David Bradley workers and their families witnessed the second annual benefit basketball game between office and plant teams, won by the office team, 72 to 40. The series now stands at a win and a loss for each team.

In the preliminary game, the "B" teams of the office and factory fought a close battle all the way, with the final decision also going to the office by a 26-to-23 score. The factory team, leading by a score of 11 to 7 at half time, had trouble finding the mark as the office scored eight points to their four in the third quarter. With the score tied at 15 for each team, the game became tense and only a point or so separated the two quintets until, with 30 seconds to go, Frankie White (Zupanic) hit a short shot to give the office team the two points needed for victory, shortly after Keller's basket had placed the office in the lead for the first time in the game. The game was played strictly according to rules, with possibly just a few exceptions. It is rumored that one spectator counted 18 men on the floor at one time.

The "A" team of the factory and office put on a real battle for the first half, the intermission

score reading 25 to 19 in favor of the office. However, the office soon made it a runaway as Dominiak and Hunter set up a fast break to pour in 22 points between them during the second period. Cecil Crawford also aided the office cause, getting ten markers in the last half. All his shots were 25-footers, proving that old age doesn't hamper eyesight. High point man for the office was Bennie Hunter with 26 points, and for the factory Russell Sadler hit the basket for 11 points on five long heaves and a free throw.

As the game ended, ten very tired and fatigued men glanced at the scoreboard, which showed the office had won the game, 72 to 40—that is, that was the score of the contest. The real winners were polio victims, past present and future.

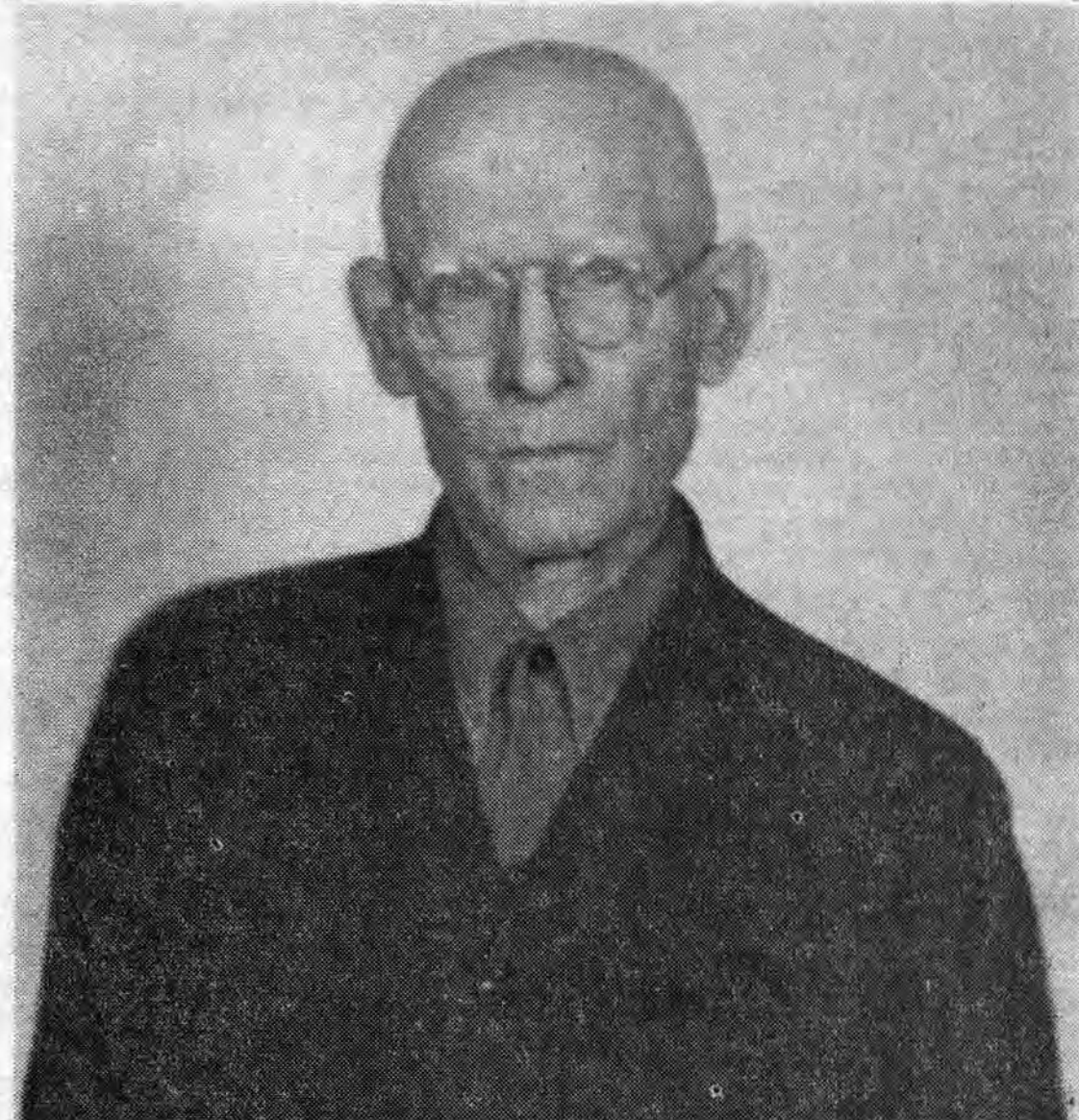
As your scribe wandered about the gym, these were some of the remarks heard:

Fritz and Steve, the officials, trying to figure out who blew the whistle first.

Ed Thurston, long, black curls; "Tiny" Wiltfang, black hat; Bill Beck, getting fouled; Russ Sadler's and Laskey's long shots; Hunter and Dominiak trying to figure out which one should shoot;

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Thanks to 'Plan', Felix Won't Have to Worry About Future



With this issue of the Pioneer Plowman, we honor another loyal Foundry man, Felix Janicki (above), who has worked steadily in our Foundry for almost 25 years.

Felix, the eldest of 16 children, was born in Poland on March 30, 1885, and tells us that his father was a shoemaker by trade — and partially by necessity. In March of 1900 Felix sailed for the United States. Following arrival in this country he worked at various occupations in Chicago and Hammond, coming to Bradley early in 1920, when he accepted work with us as a Foundry grinder. Shortly afterward, however, Foundry work became slack and he accepted employment elsewhere, returning to active service at David Bradley on August 4, 1924, as a grinder and chipper, where he continues today. In July of 1920, he married

Paulina Safran of Bradley. Mrs. Janicki passed away in March of 1947. Felix resides at his home at 447 North Cleveland Avenue, Bradley.

He is a member of the "20 Year" Club, Group Insurance, and the Profit Sharing and Pension Fund. When asked his opinion of the Profit Sharing and Pension Fund, he replied: "It is the greatest thing in the world. I know that I will be retiring in the near future, but I don't have to worry, thanks to the Plan which will pay me enough money in the future to take care of me for many, many years to come. I will not have to depend on my relatives for support."

We certainly wish Felix continued good health. It is loyal, conscientious people like him who help to make David Bradley a good place at which to work.

Dear David:

In my previous letters on "America's Needs and Resources" in our economic life during the 1950-60 decade, I have discussed our population's resources, the population movement and census, labor market, and the increase in productivity since 1860. To further discuss productivity, David, I will cover mechanization.

Past history shows that we need not fear the long run effects of the introduction of labor-saving machines. On the contrary, the only way we can improve is to continue and even step up the rate at which we save labor by using machines.

Some people, it is true, are thrown out of work and a few of them may not be able to find other jobs easily. But mechanization more than compensates the "technological unemployment" by making it possible to produce more and better things for everyone—things that themselves create jobs. Development of the railroads and the automobile, for example, put a lot of canal boat and livery stable operators out of business. But it cut the cost of transportation and created many times more jobs than it eliminated.

Now, Dave, the most important reason that the technological revolution developed luxuriantly in the United States between 1850 and 1940 was that competitive enterprise provided a generally favorable climate. It is true that natural resources were plentiful and that the population was growing rapidly, both in number and in skill. But what we had to a unique degree here was an atmosphere which favored risk-taking, fostered the vast capital investment necessary to harness and apply mechanical energy, and provided the incentives necessary to put capital and inventiveness to work.

No other economy has equalled ours in ability to produce more and more with continually diminishing human effort. The test it now faces is whether it can eliminate the ups and downs in production and employment that have gone along with it. But an abundance of evidence indicates that we ran into trouble after 1929, not because we developed too many labor-saving machines, but because we didn't adjust our economic mechanism to keep the progress going.

The key importance of mechanization is indicated by the fact that the increase in national production since 1860 closely parallels the increase in the use of mechanical power. Between 1860 and 1940, both volume of production and use of energy multiplied about 11 times. It is clear that, in order to keep our standard of living rising, we must continue to apply more and more power to production.

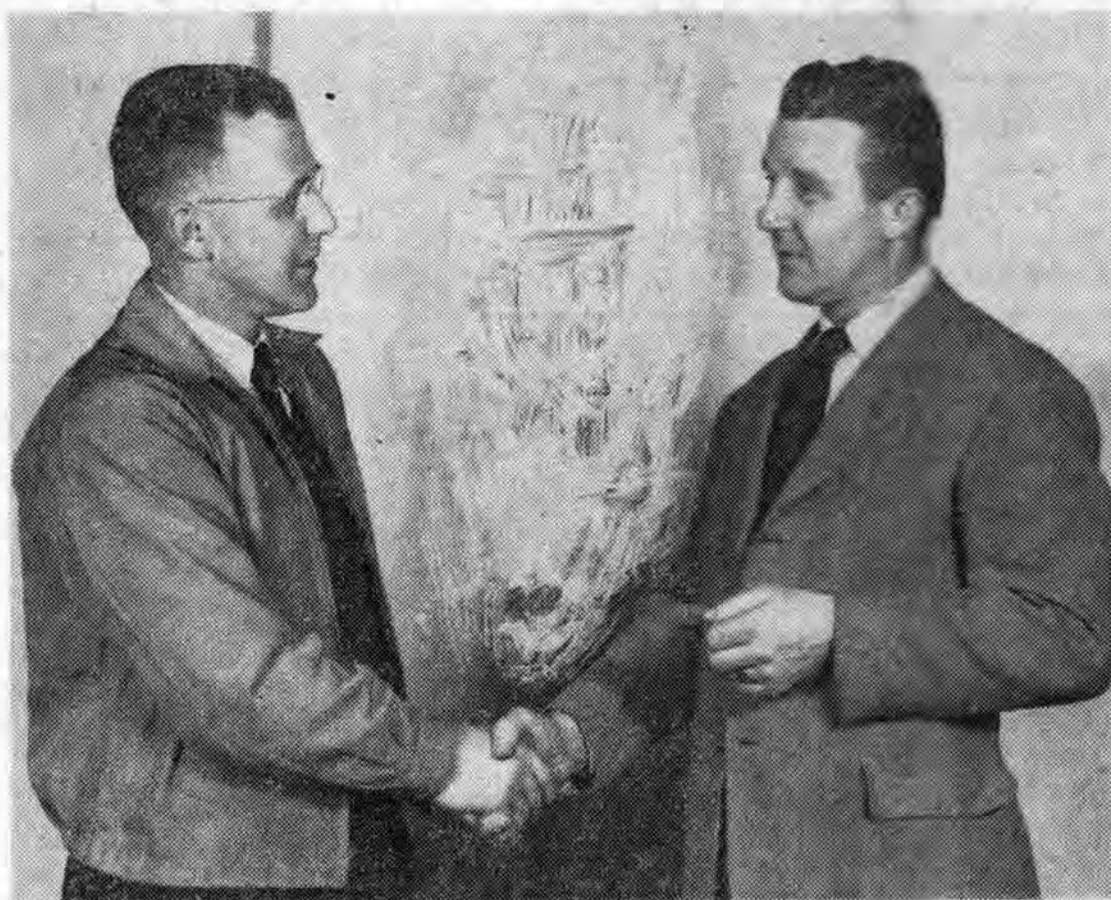
The chief advantage of mechanical energy is, of course, its low cost. Electrical energy is now delivered for as little as one cent a horsepower, while the same amount of human energy costs \$10.

There are other important advantages. Mechanical energy can be delivered in greater concentrations than any other form. It is also more convenient, compact, mobile, and controllable. The Consolidated Edison company in New York delivers enough electricity in a day to do the work of three million draft horses.

Dave, you know these advantages are now so universally accepted that it's hard to realize how recently we left the horse and buggy era. At the turn of the century, animals and men provided more than half the energy used in production and transportation. It wasn't until World War I that trucks replaced horses in local hauling and tractors began to invade farms.

Any attempt to predict future developments in productivity is complicated by the fact that the changes do not occur at an even rate. Between 1850 and 1940 the average increase in output per man hour was 18 per cent per decade. But the changes varied all the way from 3 per cent between 1870 and 1880 to

Marks 15th Anniversary Here



FRED HASEMEYER (right), Supervisor of the Welding Department, is shown as he received congratulations from Elmer Carpenter, Divisional Superintendent, on his fifteenth year with David Bradley.

Service Anniversaries

FIVE YEARS

- W. Mitchell (Assembly), February 16, 1944.
- E. Reed (Sheet Metal), February 28, 1944.
- J. Hanko (Forge Shop), February 9, 1944.
- Paul Chinski (Forge Shop), February 17, 1944.
- Gabriel Legris (Inspection), February 15, 1944.
- Vernon Bisping (Die Fitting), February 28, 1944.
- Harry Ricketts (Inspection) February 3, 1944.
- Frank Harder (Machine Shop), February 14, 1944.
- Pearl LeVeque (Tool Crib), February 12, 1944.
- Ferrill Cahan (Office Billing), February 11, 1944.
- Eugenia Dedas (Timekeeping), February 7, 1944.

TEN YEARS

- A. O. Dady (Supervisor), February 20, 1939.

Future Farmers Make Inspection Tour of Plant

Agricultural students of Herscher High School, under the supervision of Ben Peterson, their instructor, visited David Bradley on Friday, January 21.

After being briefed on some of the history and manufacturing features of the plant, they were taken on a two-hour tour, escorted in groups of three by Earl Goudreau, Leroy Hummel and Frank Sovinski.

At the conclusion of the tour they returned to the display and conference rooms. It was interesting to us to see the interest and enthusiasm displayed by these young men, many of them who are future customers, as they identified the many piece parts on completed set-up implements as they saw them being made at various stages during their tour.

We considered it a privilege to explain our methods of manufacture and to answer their many questions.

42 per cent for the decade ending in 1940. There is, therefore, no simple way to extend past trends to obtain a foolproof figure for productivity at a future date.

So, David, suppose we assume that the average rate of increase since 1850 may be projected to estimate output per man-hour in 1950 and 1960. Thus, output per man-hour works out to \$1.44 in 1950 and \$1.70 in 1960, as against \$1.22 in 1940.

David, it is easy to see why the urgent desire by everyone to increase productivity in order to ascertain our rising standard of living and national wealth.

Well, David, in the next letter we will discuss natural resources.

Taking Short-Cut May Lead to An Injury

Several incidents of unsafe practices in recent weeks have almost resulted in accidents. Several employes working in the east manufacturing building, when returning from lunch and for other seasons, have formed a habit of jumping off the east dock or from the doorways of box cars along the side of the dock onto the highway, instead of using the steps provided.

Many trucks use this roadway throughout the day. The law of averages may result in an injury to some violator of safe practices. He may either be injured when jumping or by being struck by a passing truck after jumping.

Please use the stairway or ramp. Help yourself avoid an accident.

BASKETBALL . . .

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little "Red" Drazy under the basket waiting for a sleeper shot; and a good time was had by all.

PLELIMINARY GAME

| Office | F.G. | F.T. | T.P. |
|------------|------|------|------|
| Cunnington | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Simerson | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Jacobs | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Curby | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Wiltfang | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Haden | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Koehle | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zupancic | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Thurston | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drassler | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Billadeau | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grimes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Keller | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Totals | 12 | 2 | 26 |

| Factory | F.G. | F.T. | T.P. |
|------------|------|------|------|
| Drazy | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Szewerenco | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| McNash | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Power | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Laskey | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Wasetis | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Prairie | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anderson | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Ross | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Garrett | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 11 | 1 | 23 |

SECOND GAME

| Office | F.G. | F.T. | T.P. |
|-------------|------|------|------|
| Newman | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Gineris, N. | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Beck | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Hunter | 12 | 2 | 26 |
| Dominiak | 7 | 1 | 15 |
| Crawford | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| Boule | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Powers | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 32 | 8 | 72 |

| Factory | F.G. | F.T. | T.P. |
|-----------|------|------|------|
| Breault | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Sadler | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| Prince | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Ponikvar | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Buckovick | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Lake | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Erickson | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Taylor | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cahill | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Larson | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Totals | 16 | 8 | 40 |

SWITCH BOX DOORS MUST BE KEPT CLOSED

Attention has been called to doors on the switch boxes throughout the plant being left open. Instructions on the inside of these doors are that they must be kept closed. In addition to providing a safety hazard, the practice is also poor housekeeping.

Let's all cooperate in an effort to keep them closed.

Intra-Plant Fire Brigade Holds Meeting

The January meeting of the David Bradley intra-plant fire brigade was held on Friday, January 21, at Eddie's Inn in Bradley.

During the course of the meeting, several items of importance to members of the department were announced, namely:

1. Future meetings will be held on the third Friday of each month.
2. Several new fire sirens will be installed on the east wall of the five-story building, operating simultaneously with the large siren.
3. A new member, John Cole, was introduced to the group present.
4. The members of the brigade will be asked to participate in the next "good housekeeping" inspection.
5. Chief Barrone announced that the hose companies are continuing their bi-weekly indoor drills.

The company-donated door prize was won by Clarence Cook, lieutenant and nozzleman of Hose Company No. 1.

The door prize donated by the proprietor of our meeting place was won by Leo ("Matty") Mathews of the Office. Booby prize was awarded to Don Bell, Maintenance Superintendent.

Following the business meeting, refreshments and fried fish were served.

P.S.—Neither of the door prize winners opened their prizes during the session.

LAST RITES ARE HELD FOR SAM RITCHEY

Sam Ritchey, who was employed in the Inspection Department, passed away on January 18, funeral services being held at a Kankakee funeral home, with interment in Mound Grove cemetery. He was also accorded military rites. Sam, as we knew him, was born in Norris City, Ill., on April 21, 1887, and came to Kankakee late in 1924. He began at David Bradley on March 19, 1925, as a press operator, and transferred to the Inspection Department early in May of 1948. He became ill about three months ago and was on illness leave of absence at the time of his death.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Laurine Hess, Mrs. Barbara Papineau and Mrs. Betty Mather, all of Kankakee, and Mrs. Rosemary Mendelhall of Mitchell, S.D., six grandchildren, three sisters, Ilene, Naomi and Madeline, all of McLeansboro, Ill., and four brothers, Ernest, William, Arlie and Raymond, also of McLeansboro.

He served in the United States Marine Corps in Cuba from 1910 to 1914.

To his survivors, we at David Bradley extend our deepest sympathy.

EMPLOYEES ASKED TO GIVE NEW DIAL NUMBERS

For a number of obvious and important reasons, all David Bradley employes are requested to report their new dial phone numbers to our Personnel Office. In event an employe does not have a telephone, the number of the telephone nearest his home should be given. Clip out the slip (below) and give it to your Supervisor or leave it at the Personnel Office.

My phone number is

Nearest phone number is

My clock number is

Name

New Parking Area Is Now Available

A new parking lot for employes, accessible through a gate at the northeast corner of the plant, was opened January 24 and those working in that area are invited to use it.

After passing through the gate, workers are asked to use the building entrance located at the northeast corner of the east manufacturing building, rather than use the large overhead sliding door at the extreme north end of the building. This will permit the retention of heat in the building that would otherwise escape through the large doorway.

Workers are also asked to walk through the aisles of the Machine Shop when entering or leaving through this doorway. By so doing, it will not only eliminate the possibility of accident, but will also be more convenient for all concerned.

Metal Trades To Hold Dance, Banquet Feb. 12

The tenth annual banquet and dance of the Kankakee County Metal Trades will be held at the Roma ballroom, Aroma Park, on Saturday evening, February 12.

Members of both Labor and Management and their wives look forward to this annual affair in which so much spirit of good fellowship is shown. A good meal, plus prominent speakers, and an evening of dancing to good music is promised.

Representative Samuel H. Shapiro will act as master of ceremonies, and John Pelkufer and Victor Braum will be the principal speakers.

John Pelkufer is president of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers. He has a long record of leadership in the organized labor movement and is nationally recognized for his knowledge of problems of labor, management and economic conditions. He is highly respected by all who know him—from the worker to top management.

Victor Braum is president of the Ladish Company of Cudahy, Wis. Ladish is a large forging industry, employing about 2500 workers. Mr. Braum is well known for his industrial and community relations, but his real specialty is industrial forging and industrial safety.

Representatives from David Bradley, the Turk Manufacturing Company, the Florence Stove Company and local and international labor unions will be present.

Music will be furnished by our own Napoleon LaFrance and his orchestra.

ADELORE ODETTE, DB SET-UP MAN, DIES

Adelore Odette, second shift set-up man in the Cutting Room and Sheet Metal Shop, passed away on January 21 at his home in Aroma Park, Ill., after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church, with interment at Gilman, Ill. Military rites were also accorded the deceased.

Mr. Odette was born October 2, 1894, at St. Joseph, Kas., and moved to Kankakee as a child. Pat, as we at David Bradley knew him, started in our employment on March 3, 1947, as a laborer. His ability and excellent cooperation soon merited an operator job and later was appointed to the set-up job.

The deceased was a member of the 40 and 8 Post of Kankakee and Aroma Park Post 1019, American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Fern; a son, Marvin, at home; a brother, George, of Kankakee; three sisters, Mrs. Ed Goodchild of Chicago; Mrs. Julius Meyers and Mrs. Gene Davis of Kankakee.

We at the plant extend our deepest sympathy to his family in the loss of one so dear to them.

Jibes, Jests and Facts About Folks You Know

Cutting-In Slugs

By GAB LEGRIS

Sam Ritchey, beloved friend of all in Department 20 and well known at David Bradley, died recently. His funeral service was attended by many of his fellow workmen.

The death of Adolore Odette, our second shift set-up man, is deeply regretted by all of us, and we extend sympathy to the family.

Jimmy Purdue is the proud father of a brand new girl — his third. Well, Jim, may all your troubles be little ones.

Ben Graham is also a proud father of a big bouncing boy—his first child, but not the last. Best of luck to you and the family, Ben.

Vanisse Lehnus must not be satisfied with one certain press. Every day he is working on a different machine. Patience, Mr. Lehnus, better days are coming!

Please, Mr. Reed, be patient. That suggestion is progressing slowly but surely. Have you already a place to spend that suggestion money?

Recently several engineers honored Department 20 with a visit. One politely borrowed a hammer and, after bending or breaking the teeth off the beater bars (nine to be exact), left the department, reporting having done enough damage for one day. A good time was reported by all.

Better production, better living.

Stoker News

By FRANCIS LONGTIN

The Stoker line is running again—welcome back, boys! It looks good to see all the familiar faces returning to the old department.

Say, did you notice that after Benny Hess appeared in the Vox Pop column of a recent issue, answering a question on absenteeism and advising how to avoid it, he was off sick for a few days. You shouldn't brag, Hess.

Hess is also our betting machine on basketball games. Try to avoid him, boys. He's a close follower.

Benny Benoit is planning on painting his new Plymouth black. He says everybody can spot him with the present color.

Ken Cote was happy to return to Stoker again. Claims to have lost 14 pounds working on the Foundry shake-out gang.

Anyone needing good shoes see Sunny Kanoski. They are really good shoes he is selling as a sideline. Be sure to see his line if you need shoes.

Assemblers and Paint Shop

By RAY COUTURE

This being the first news from your new reporter, we will try to bring all jokes, little tricks, and the seriousness that goes on in Department 34 from day to day.

We hear that Foster Walker is quite an expert on television, FM and radar. If any of you fellows want a little advice on this subject just see him. He'll help you out.

Nuts and Bolts says next time he'll wrestle instead of boxing when he fights. We think it's a lot easier to be friends and not come to work with a black eye. What do you think, Bolts?

Gabe Kerouac of Bourbonnais is supposed to be a Frenchman. The tradition of the French is to drink only wine, cognac or champagne. Gabe says Old Grand Dad is his drink. For shame, Gabe!

Talking to Frank Ovnich the other day and he was telling about how good a housekeeper and cook his wife is now—after a few years of happily married life. But, he says (trying to get a little credit for himself) when they were first married he had to show her how it was done and get her on the ball. Wait until Mrs. Ovnich sees this!

Watching Joe Jakobs check scrap the other day with a worried look on his face and holding his hand to his forehead sort of muttering to himself. Hard on the profit sharing, fellows. Let's be more careful and watch our scrap.

George, who runs reels on days, says: "The civilized woman is the most uninteresting." How true, George, how true! By the way, fellows, George is building a new house and if you are handy with tools how about offering a little help. Some day you might want a lift.

Joe Jakobs is offering a reward of one bottle of beer to anyone who catches the gremlin who puts cup grease on tool handles when the fellows leave their bench. Who could that be, Frankie?

Fumes from the oven finally got Louie Stefanich and Jimmy Haz-

zard to where they had to punch on lost time and get a medical checkup. Seems to us that something could be done about these fumes before someone really becomes ill and will have to lose time from work.

Ever hear a Swede talk French? Listen sometime to Pete Johnson talking to Al Ponton, our roller man from St. Anne. This we overheard: Pete to Al, "Me, I want some roller and hook me." Keep it up, Pete, you'll be a Frenchman yet!

Take a bow to the bravest lad in Department 34—Dick Trombley. We'd rather face a herd of stampeding cattle or a pack of hungry coyotes than try to be first in the pay line on Friday when the paymaster comes around the corner, but Dick, bold and fearless, dodging skids and trucks, was there first. Youse is a brave boy, Richard!

We hear Leo Green is going to raise hogs and sauerkraut this Summer on his farm near Chebeuse. What kind of farm tools are you using, Leo?

Why is Everett Logan always singing "My Darling Clementine"? Give us a clue, Everett.

We hear Mitchell was reported sick the other day and asked that the nurse be sent down to see him. Like to have your hand held, Bill?

Acids and Fumes

By JEANNE REILLY

In case you don't already know, we have lost one of our laboratory workers. Jack Draves has left us to shift for ourselves and now he is the head of a new department just organized to take care of foundry melting. Good luck, Jack, in your new position and don't have too many special carbons for us to run in the future. Everyone here in the "lab" has enjoyed working with you and regret that now we will have to discuss our problems with a new source. Drop over anytime and, again, good luck!

Believe it or not, "Handy" DID sell his Mercury and IS walking as he said he would. Guess we lost our bets, but doesn't it get chilly at 7:15 a.m. waiting for a bus?

Both Jim and John have been working like little beavers, lately. Seems that the benefits of Profit Sharing have now been fully explained to them.

We have been told that both Cecil and "Handy" are taking their wives to the Kankakee Junior Chamber of Commerce charter dinner. Tickets are \$3 per plate. Now we know who really makes the dough around here!

On January 26 there was a bowling match between 10 factory fellows and 10 office girls. No need to rub it in but, confidentially, the girls beat the fellows by 84 pins, using only 200 of our 600 spot. "Lefty" Jacob said that when he tried to bowl right-handed that the alleys were too narrow and the gutters too wide. Correne asked Joe if he was bowling or pitching horse shoes, as it seemed that his bowling ball was landing about half the way down the alley and bouncing the rest of the way. Marge Haigh really had some nice games for the girls. One was 200 and another 179. See, fellows, you can't expect to win against competition like that. Steve Gineris was voted the one most likely to blow his top because of so many splits that he claims were good hits. Better luck next time, guys!

Steel Stories

By JESSIE BROUILLETTE

Raymond Pelehowski was called out of a warm bed Monday to answer the fire alarm. He is one of our cablemen.

"Shorty" Hansen, our Supervisor, is going around with those "Jergens" hands. Seems as though the Mrs. and the five boys were all down with the flu at the same time and "Shorty" had to be nurse maid, house maid and cook. Here's hoping they are alright by now.

Our north and south cranes had their faces lifted this last week.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker on the arrival of a six pound, nine-ounce, boy! He is one of our stoke-fillers.

Roy Sommers and "Dutch" Gutendorf were off this last week for a couple of days. That new flu germ was flying around and, of course, lit on them. Wasn't funny, was it?

Yours truly is the proud possessor of a beautiful leather wallet with a big gold "B" on the front, a remembrance of New York and my birthday from "Macky" Be-tourne. Thanks a lot, Mack! It will be kept as a token of our friendship at good old David Bradley.

Machine Shop

By JERRY POWERS

The main talk in the department is the big party the guys are throwing on February 5 at the Forrester hall in Kankakee. Roger Cahill claims he can't make the affair, but Cy Belcher told him he could leave his hat on if he was afraid the fellows would nickname him "Cue Ball."

When they told Roy Armstrong and Charley Pangle they were going to have mountain music, they both said, "Boy, we'll be there early and practice up on our dancing. Bill Flora and Wilbur Guynn have been nominated to call the square dance. From word we have received they're both real good at it.

Clarence Provencal is still on the sick list, along with Dick Cremer. Here's hoping we will see you guys soon.

The committee is having a hard time trying to explain to Elmer Meyers that at 12 o'clock he can't go around kissing the women. That only happens on New Year's, but Elmer says every party is New Year's to him.

Our famous "Bachelor Four" will be there to give us entertainment. Pat Regnier will sing a French song, Larry Yonke will tap dance, Myron Moody will tell how to keep from getting your car smashed up and, last, Henry Toune will yodel a hillbilly song.

Ray Hayes says the Machine Shop will challenge any department to a bowling match. Here's your chance to try and beat a good team.

When they asked Vic Wasetis if he was coming to the party he told Walt Spivey, "You're darn right. There might be a prospect there to sell my house to."

Phil Brais has a hobby—taking pictures. He says if he can bring his camera along he will be there.

Orville Styck says he would come if they would guarantee him that Walt and Henry Neftzger wouldn't sing any hillbilly songs. Orville says when he hears music like that he gets homesick for St. Anne.

Norman Pawlocki wants it understood from the start that no one is to dance with his wife.

If anyone hasn't a ride to the "Grand Department Ball" just contact Ray Kogowski. He was put in charge of transportation. We sure hope Elmer Rantz and Ray did a good job in overhauling his truck.

"Mush" Cross is still shooting fire out of his mouth from hot coffee he drank the other morning. We hope "Mush's" wife cools off his coffee for him before she puts it in his thermos jug from now on.

Experimental Splatter

By FRED CROSS

Here it is again—time to spread the gossip. We may not be as good at it as Curly (as he's known in the department), but we'll try to let you know that all the mice are still alive—even got rats!

Roland Joubert was asked why he weighed himself every day and he answered that he always weighs himself after he has eaten. Well, the other day he evidently hadn't eaten, 'cause he was standing in front of the window and he was mistaken for a thermometer. Later, I heard he had drunk a bottle of cherry pop.

Alex Meier came in smiling several days ago. When Joe Fry asked him why he looked so happy, he said that his wife had made her first 100 biscuits. The first 100 is always the hardest. How about that, Marian?

When Paul Boudreau's wife came home from the hospital she wondered why he looked so gaunt. He has told us, though, that it's easier to fast than to wash dishes. We hope she gets along fine, Paul.

It seems a Frenchman who hadn't been in our country too long was in the same dive as Harry Gilbert the other night. He said to Harry, "You people sure drink funny. You order whiskey, put water in it to make it weak, lemon to make it sour, and sugar to make it sweet. Then you say, 'Here's to you,' and then drink it yourself."

Joe Fry seemed to be a little put out. One of the fellows asked him why and he said he wished he hadn't got a radio in his Kaiser because he can't hear it for the rattles. Don't let it worry you, Joe. When you become of age and your hearing develops, you'll be able to hear it—rattles and all.

Sorry to hear Art Kline's brother passed away January 7. All our sympathies are with you, Art. "Catfish" Drazy is supposed to be a good hunter and fisherman, but the way to trap a rate really has him guessing. Any information

along this line should be addressed to Ed Drazy, Department 90.

We hear some tall tales around here, but one of the best is that you can take a tea kettle of boiling water and set it on the palm of your hand without getting burned. How about that, "Red"?

A discussion arose among the gang as to just what a chain store was. The whole thing was settled by Clodi, who is the official sports authority. He says it's a matrimonial store where a man buys a marriage license. How true!

It seems Oscar Lanoue is ready to change his place of eating. Say, Oscar, how do you like your fish? Scales on or off? We hear the rest of it doesn't make much difference.

As our closing thought, just remember to be careful when leaving the plant at 3:30. These David Bradley plow jockeys know as much about driving their cars as some two-year-olds. They don't seem to care for themselves or anyone else. All they care about is a fast get-away.

Office (1st Floor)

By CORRENE MEHRER

If you noticed something missing in the office recently, it was because Jim Hagearty was off for a week with an ear infection. Ernie Brown, of Timekeeping, wasn't seen around for six days, either. Seems as though he decided the red stripes going up his arm weren't his natural color, but blood poison.

Martha Attig, who formerly worked for Mr. Studer in Tool Design, is now working for Mr. Doran.

Looks like Bouchard will have to go back to the old style telephone. Seems she just can't dial the right number. For further information, contact Max.

Most of us have to punch the clock four times a day. There are some who don't have to punch at all, and then there are some who don't think they have to punch. How about you, Pat?

Apparently some of the people on the second floor don't know the holiday season is over. We noticed mistletoe hanging over their desks yet. Wishful thinking?

Now that the Office-Factory basketball game is history, may we make this one comment. "Edna" Thurston, the only girl playing, looked a little out of place. We must admit, however, that "she" did hold "her" own. Just can't figure out how Bill Beck keeps betting and winning. Maybe he collects for being high foul man.

The second male-female bowling match of the season was held last Wednesday and won by the "weaker sex" by an easy margin. Led by Marge Haigh with a 200 game and 522 series, the girls needed only 116 of their 1200 pin spot. Leading the fellows was Larry Power with a neat 604 series. Lucille Balegno bowled so hard she pulled a muscle in her neck, she says. Wonder why Steve Gineris can't bowl against female competition. Couldn't be the heckling, could it, Steve?

Tips from Receiving and Stores

By CHARLENE WHITEHURST

Old Man Winter is here for sure. This icy and snowy weather has caused many a fall and accident. Of course they can be excused when they happen out of doors, but when a person takes to falling down TWICE in one day and both times indoors, something must be radically wrong. The person referred to in the above paragraph is none other than Forrest Snod-smith.

Jim Billadeau has left Bill's department to go to work in Material Control. Here today, gone tomorrow.

Several men from Department 67 took part in the basketball game between the Office and the Factory the other night. Even if they didn't win we want them to know we are proud of the good game they played.

Ignatz Dyrkus tells us you have to really pay to keep your women. He says he bought his wife a coat for \$1,100 and had to pay \$27 tax on it. We don't seem to be able to figure out how he got by with paying only \$27 luxury tax, but at any rate, he got his wife a coat and he says she is very happy.

Evidently Clayton Curby had trouble finding a parking place a couple of weeks ago or else the car moves with assistance. When Clayton went to get his car, it was sitting right in the middle of the street, just as big as you please!

Forgings

By HAROLD SIEFERT and JOE DeMENT

Suppose you fellas have heard these old sayings: "There is more than one pebble on the beach" and "There's more than one fish in the sea," and so on. Well, that holds true in the blacksmith shop, too. The latest being "dog fish." That makes three now: "Kingfish" Edwin Ciercyca, "Catfish" Edward Ciercyca and "Dog Fish" Leo Fichta. Don't ask where those names came from or what they mean. We only work here.

Monday, January 24, brought a grand "old timer" down to visit the boys. You all know him as Frank Lamler. He shook hands with a lot of his old buddies. Everyone knows what a fine fellow he was and one who always put his whole heart into his job.

We see that "Al" O'Connor has finally solved his transportation problems and is now arriving on time once more.

We were sorry to see Arcade ("Joe") Plante transfer out of the Forge Shop. We all miss you and lots of luck, "Joe," in your new department. Hope we didn't rib you too much "Joe." (Harold.)

We, in turn, welcome Duane Greene, as he now assumes "Joe's" duties in the Forge Shop. We also understand that Duane just left the Army about three weeks ago.

At last they took Paul Chinski's picture. But they had to bribe him first and give him something to eat and drink.

Frank Sovinski took a group of boys from Herscher high school through the plant the other day. Four of the group had fathers working here and Frank showed each of them just what their dads were doing. When they came to Freddie Spaulding's dad they found him doing his best to surround a candy bar!

We just know that Joe Ciccio, our timekeeper, would like everyone to know that he won the bet of a dollar on the Kankakee-St. Pat's game. Even had about nine points to spare!

Tool and Die Whistles

By TONY CIACCIO

Pat Pattengale's got the right idea. He rides to work on his brand new bicycle. Just think—no gas or oil to worry about!

Maurice Coffman is anxiously awaiting the arrival of his fiancée from England. We hear she is scheduled to arrive some time in February.

Lester Massey is back to work again after being ill for a week.

Well, folks, we finally got another tool trout man. Les McClure has been assigned the job. Have you noticed that new two-tone shop coat Mac is wearing now. We are trying to figure out if his new job had anything to do with it, or maybe that pile of money he won at the poker session the other night. Incidentally, Tom Damler was the other lucky guy at the poker session, held at "Dutch" Kraft's home.

Did you know that Don Burton is a farmer now? Well he is for a couple of weeks anyhow. Don is staying at his father's farm and has to help with all the chores before and after work. It's no wonder he looks tired out sometimes.

John Campbell tried bowling the other night for the first time in three years. The next day he was stiff in the joints. You'll have to try it more often, John.

As all of you probably know by now, Martha has been transferred to the main office.

Scraps from Second

By GEN PROVONCAL

Goodbye and good luck. Seems those are the two most appropriate phrases these days. In the last few days, R. DeAmicis, Methods, left David Bradley to take an extended vacation before beginning a new job; Guy Gardner, test engineer, has accepted a position with Ferguson, and Dick Hopkins, Material Control, has also resigned his position. May each of you enjoy your new venture to the limit and do let us hear from you often.

Then, in the opposite situation, we see Jimmy Billadeau, who had been working in Receiving and Stores, has transferred to Material Control. Hope you like it up here, Jimmy.

Now for the lighter side of things, let's reminisce on the intra-factory basketball games of last week. On the "B" squad, second floor was ably represented by "Killer" Koehle, Johnny Grimes, Don Billadeau and Harold Wilt-

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Maple Splinters

By FRANK SOVINSKI

Highlights of January 18

Little Dean Ostrander calmly rolled a 247 game, high for the night. Mel Godin hit a 607 series, which not only was high, but also put him in first place in the individual single game standings. The red hot Loaders bowled high game of 909, good for second high team series. Their 2499 series was high also, giving them second high in the team standings.

Earl Miller, after hitting games of 168 and 176, rolled 118 his last game. What was wrong, Earl? Tired, maybe?

Elmer Carpenter, Earl's buddy, bowled 165 in a practice game prior to the starting of the league matches. Then, in competition, he hit games of 116, 110 and 120. Now he wants to know: How come? I am sure we can't answer that one.

Your scribe's team really was plowed under by the Plows. Their team's average was 707, but they went out and hit for a 2434 series. Wes Scott led his team with a 568 series on games of 186, 202 and 180, and he tried to tell us that he had a sore back. Maybe we were lucky that he was sick!

Frankie Wasetis shot a 233 game and Red Drazy a 235 game. First time either had broken 200. With their handicaps they tied for third high game.

"Wild Bill" Beck contributed a 358 series to his team's score. Floyd Simerson says that he ought to farm Bill out for more seasoning.

Highlights of January 25

The high game for the night was bowled by Eddie Drazy, a 246 game. His series of 641 was also high. The Loaders hit high game of 879 and also high series, 2589.

Eddie ("Catfish") Drazy set a new high series, actual pins. With his handicap, he now has a 721 series. He also took third place in the individual standings.

The Loaders' 2589 series places them in the first place spot in team standings.

"Long Tom" Kerouac had second high series with 585, on games of 221, 205 and then only 159. P.S.—He got stuck for the beer frames in the first two games. Justice, huh?

The Mowers, after losing eight straight games, got mad and hit an 862 game to take the last one from the hot Shellers, leaving them in a tie for first place.

Have you noticed the way this lug "Lefty" Grumish has been climbing in the league standings? During the past three weeks he has raised his average from 134 to 145.

Yours truly has changed his mind about "buddy" Charley Brinkman. At this session he contributed several quarters to a worthy cause, and helped to quench our thirst!

Mark Scism is still shooting for a 200 game. He almost made it, getting 190 in his second game, with a split in the tenth frame.

The 15th place Wagons and the last place Drag Harrows won two out of three games each. That's good — it helps to bunch up the league. Al Keller and Mike Car both said they picked up four games on the leaders during the past two weeks.

Sonny Witthoft and Puss Newman, anchor men for their teams, put on a photo-finish. The Shares won two out of three from the Grinders, both wins by three pins each. A spot of six pins can sometimes really hurt!

The Hay Rakes won all three games from the powerful Seeders, their 2465 series being second high for the night. "Pop" Nelson and Leroy Mathews were hotter than their Forge Shop furnaces. "Gabby" Hubert, their poker-faced anchorman, came through with his usual 564 series.

"Hank" Reitmeier can't figure out how come his teammate, Jackie Martin, can bust the head pin in the nose and get strikes. When "Hank" does the same thing he gets nine splits. Maybe it is because Jack drinks 7-Up, "Hank." We had a distinguished guest filling in at the session. Lanky

LEAGUE STANDINGS

(January 25)

| Team | Won | Lost |
|--------------|-----|------|
| Shellers | 32 | 19 |
| Mowers | 32 | 19 |
| Tractors | 31 | 20 |
| Loaders | 29 | 22 |
| Grinders | 29 | 22 |
| Hay Rakes | 28 | 23 |
| Seeders | 27 | 24 |
| Spreaders | 27 | 24 |
| Stokers | 26 | 25 |
| Plow Shares | 23 | 28 |
| Planters | 23 | 28 |
| Plows | 23 | 28 |
| Disc Harrows | 21 | 30 |
| Wagons | 20 | 31 |
| Cultivators | 20 | 31 |
| Drag Harrows | 17 | 34 |

SCHEDULE

February 8

Cultivators vs. Shellers, Plows vs. Disc Harrows, Hay Rakes vs. Tractors, Planters vs. Grinders, Drag Harrows vs. Stokers, Spreaders vs. Seeders, Hay Loaders vs. Mowers, Wagons vs. Plow Shares.

February 15

Hay Loaders vs. Spreaders, Mowers vs. Tractors, Plow Shares vs. Seeders, Stokers vs. Shellers, Cultivators vs. Plows, Drag Harrows vs. Planters, Hay Rakes vs. Wagons, Disc Harrows vs. Grinders.

Ernie Hood bowled in Cy Belcher's place as Cy was out of town. Now Joe Gustin wants to sign Ernie to a contract. Hold out for plenty, Ernie.

Another gentleman, Johnny Campbell, a tool-buster, also filled in for an absentee. We don't know what scores Johnny bowled, but we found out that Tony Ciaccio and Ray Studer got several free ones at John's expense. It that a nice way to treat a guest, fellows?

Due to illness in the family, Leroy ("Mudball") Pombert missed bowling for the first time this season. Hope everyone will be O.K. by next week, Roy.

Our reporter on the second floor is always kidding Rudy Koehle about his big blue eyes. When Rudy picked up a strike without hitting the head pin, they really popped out.

FOLKS YOU KNOW . . .

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fang. (One thing we still want to know is where Harold found those trunks he was wearing. Seems they had the gay '90's look.) Of course, the highlight (or blackout) of that game came when we suddenly noticed not five or ten men on the floor, but 30 men at one time! Referee Gineris tells us that's basketball a-la-1975 — previewed by David Bradley.

Then, of course, there was the "A" squad. "Lucky" Nick Gineris (he's still trying to recover a dollar, we hear), Mel Boule, "Dead Eye" Hunter and Puss Newman did the honors for us up here. And we do mean honors! Why, Bennie Hunter couldn't miss that basket if he tried. To be sure, it's not every fellow who can be 21 and have a lovely sideline inspiration all at the same time. And what an inspiration it was — Bennie made 26 of the 70 points scored by the office in the game. That score really was something to feast the eyes upon. To be sure, though, it was all due to the professional coaching of Bob Hanes!

Now, let us leave Bradley for a while and discuss a few of the things MacVene Betourne enjoyed recently in New York. First of all, she got stranded in an elevator at the 65th floor of the Empire State building. However, the scare wasn't enough to stop Mac. She attended several radio broadcasts, saw Kay Kyser, Fred Waring, "Second Honeymoon," and at another broadcast won three pair of nylons, visited the Diamond Horse-shoe, Greenwich Village, saw an ice show, and ate so much she gained weight! Quite an interesting week, wouldn't you say?

P.S.—May we add that if you heard that terrible racket downstairs in experimental the other day, it was only Elmer Mehrer tearing apart George's mower. Why, all at once he just couldn't stand the noise of testing the machine, so he started wrecking things in a big way. Always knew something like that would happen, but didn't know it would be that bad!



MEMBERS OF the Office basketball team which avenged last year's defeat at the hands of the Plant are, left to right (front row): Joe Dominiak, Benny Hunter, Mel Boule and Bill Beck; (back row) Larry Power, Puss Newman, Nick Gineris and Cecil Crawford.



UPHOLDING THE dignity of the Office in the preliminary game were, left to right (front row): A. T. Haden, Floyd Simerson, Joe Jacob, Don Billadeau, Johnny Grimes and Rudy Koehle; (back row) Harold Wiltfang, Ray Cury, "Edna" Thurston, Frankle Zupancic, Wayne Cunningham, Lou Dressler and Al Keller.

Happy Birthday!

- FEB. 1—Harold Knecht, Assembly; Dolore Shown, Assembly; Ignac Kisiel, Foundry; Tony Domimick, Office; Loretta Farrell, Warehouse; Howard Rice, Electrical; Roy Mooty, Assembly; Thomas Travis, Jr., Warehouse.
- FEB. 2 — Louis Lustig, Maintenance; Mathew Skelly, Warehouse; Frank Risha, Tool and Die; Marie Ashline, office.
- FEB. 3—Jonathan Jessup, Assembly; Sophia Pawloski, Assembly; Lewis Naurie, Janitor; Charles Basham, Stoker.
- FEB. 4—Edwin Kerouac, Supervisor.
- FEB. 6—Renie LaCesse, Maintenance; Edward Armstrong, Stoker.
- FEB. 7—Renetta Toma, Office; Steve Gineris, Supervisor; William Lustik, Inspection; Earl Coulombe, Forge Shop.
- FEB. 8—Raymond Hayes, Machine Shop; Melburn Gadia, Tool and Die.
- FEB. 9—Elwin Savage, Office; Frank Schultz, Foundry; Raymond Forbes, Welding; Harry Gilbert, Experimental.
- FEB. 10—John Coffman, Office; James Murawski, Cutting-In; Chester Smith, Tin Shop.
- FEB. 11—James Mathis, Machine Shop; Clarence Stump, Forge Shop; Arthur Haven, Assembly.
- FEB. 12—Ambrose Hackley, Tin Shop.
- FEB. 13—Thomas Sheehan, Maintenance.
- FEB. 14—Jeanne Reilly, Laboratory; Martin Besley, Maintenance; Arlene Wright, Office.

- FEB. 15 — Walter Krzynowski, Foundry; Roger Nourie, Warehouse.
- FEB. 16 — John Saylor, Stoker; Thomas Damler, Tool and Die; Melvin Wieske, Warehouse.
- FEB. 17—Laverne Mailloux, Assembly.
- FEB. 19—James Hagearty, Supervisor; Opal Hall, Office; Laverna Davison, Office; Norman Monnette, Tin Shop; Wendell Wilone, Foundry; Billy Spaulding, Central Trucking; Lloyd Mitchell, Assembly.
- FEB. 22—John Wilson, Inspector; Arthur Wendt, Tin Shop; Edmond Benoit, Stoker; Vernon Ward, Steel Stores; Aaron LeSage, Tool and Die.
- FEB. 23—Phillip Hubert, Tool and Die; Ayling Burgess, Assembly; Edward Foreman, Foundry; Marie Coccoello, Nurse.
- FEB. 24—Sidney Robb, Supervisor; William Flora, Machine Shop; Albert Guenette, Machine Shop; Harold Jackson, Maintenance; Henry Rietmier, Electrical; Milton Breault, Electrical.
- FEB. 25—Joseph Gustin, Supervisor; Raymond Dominiak, Supervisor; Guy Odom, Supervisor; Leonard Johnson, Assembly.
- FEB. 26—A. T. Haden, Supervisor; William Asher, Maintenance; Joseph DeMent, Forge Shop; Joseph Gall, Assembly; Richard Sommers, Welding.
- FEB. 27—Harry Cole, Maintenance.
- FEB. 28 — Roy Simmons, Steel Stores.
- FEB. 29 (?) — Willard Kinster, Welding.

FORGE SHOOP ROOF CATCHES ON FIRE

Twenty-two members of the intra-plant fire brigade extinguished a fire on the Forge Shop roof early last Tuesday morning. The plant siren sounded a "four" blast at 5:35 a.m., indicating a fire in the center area of the plant and the speedy and efficient action on the part of the fire brigade minimized the loss and production was not disrupted.

The management has expressed their thanks to the boys for their quick action in preserving and protecting company property.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—1942 4-door Hudson sedan, in good condition; new tires and battery. See Van Davis, Foundry, or Phone 2-4366.

FOR SALE—4-room frame house with two 50x150-ft. lots. Two bedrooms, full basement, gas heat (new), garage, playhouses, picnic area, berries and garden space. See Guy Gardner, 626 S. Roosevelt Avenue, Kankakee.

WANTED — 3 to 4-room apartment, unfurnished. See Fritz Jeck, Forge Shop.