

## Sears Shares Profits with 745 Here

Seven hundred and forty-five employes of David Bradley Mfg. Works recently learned the extent to which each is sharing in Sears, Roebuck and Company's 1947 profits.

Because of their membership in "The Savings and Profit Sharing Pension Fund of Sears, Roebuck and Company Employees," these men and women received from R. G. Rogers, manager of David Bradley, individual statements as to the amounts being credited to their fund accounts out of last year's profits.

According to Mr. Rogers, the 745 Bradley members have to their credit in the fund an aggregate of 35,649 shares of Sears stock, plus a cash balance of \$372,275.52. Based on a January 31 market value of \$34 per share for Sears stock, this group has an investment worth, in aggregate, \$1,584,341.52.

Mr. Rogers explained that Sears employes are eligible to join this fund after one year of service. Employee members deposit five per cent of their salaries into their individual accounts each year, with the maximum deposit limited to \$250 annually. The company contributes into the fund an established percentage of its profits which are distributed proportionately to employee members depending on length of service.

This year those employes with less than five years' service with Sears had credited to their accounts, \$1.15 for every dollar they themselves contributed. Employees who have been with the company from five to ten years were credited \$2.30 for every dollar saved. For those with over ten years' service the company placed \$3.45 into the fund for every dollar put in by the member. The fourth participating group—employees over 50 years of age with over 15 years' service—were credited with \$4.60 from the

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## Milton Wright Retires; Will Devote Time to Gardening, Raising Chickens



Milton Wright accepted his retirement from David Bradley on January 31.

Milton was employed here on April 20, 1944, as an inspector under Ernie Hood in our Forge Shop. He remained on that job until October 29, 1947, when he was transferred as a tumbling mill operator, under the supervision of Miles Stoner, second shift, where he remained until his retirement.

He was born and raised in Manteno, Ill., and operated a farm until late in 1942. Miles Stoner, his foreman, pictured above with Milton, informs us that he certainly was sorry to

# RED CROSS DRIVE BEGINS MARCH 1

## Seek Funds to Aid National, Local Work

The 1948 American Red Cross drive will begin Monday, March 1. All employes at David Bradley will be approached by fellow employe solicitors and asked to contribute to this extremely worthy cause.

In Kankakee County, the Red Cross is handling such necessary activities as the Kankakee County Civilian Blood Bank and providing social welfare work among the residents of our county, as well as among the veterans at Dwight Hospital.

Nationally, the Red Cross is the only agency established and equipped to do emergency relief work in event of disasters such as the Texas City explosion or flood catastrophes.

The Blood Bank alone requires our utmost support. This Bank provides blood quickly and efficiently, of the type needed and at the time needed. The equipment and technicians to furnish this vital service are costly and must be met out of Red Cross funds.

The Red Cross has already advanced \$7,500 toward the operation of this Bank and need another \$2,500, or a total of \$10,000 for 1948 alone.

This money, and indeed all the money required for the successful carrying on of Red Cross services, must be supplied by the people of this plant, city, county and country.

On another page in this issue of The Pioneer Plowman are depicted by Ray Konigowski, an employe in our Machine Shop, the steps in the donation of blood to the Civilian Blood Bank. This series of pictures indicates the ease with which blood can be given and symbolizes the urgent necessity for the operation of such a Bank in our community.

All employes are therefore urged to give freely, when solicited, to the Red Cross in support of this and the many other highly worthwhile services performed by the American Red Cross.

## They've Volunteered!

Those from David Bradley who have answered the Red Cross plea for donors to the Kankakee County Civilian Blood Bank are: Harry Grumish, Supervisor; Leroy Hummel, Supervisor; Lawrence Taylor, Electrical; Elmer Beach, Cutting-In Department; Maerita Wertz, Personnel Department; Edward Drazy, Experimental Department; W. E. Welch, Supervisor; Earl Miller, Supervisor; Roy Rathman, Tool and Die Department; Edward Cierycyca, Forge Shop; Leo Brais, Supervisor; Elmer Wilkins, Foundry; Donald Burton, Tool and Die Department; Elmer Carpenter, Supervisor; Chris Sorenson, Foundry; Stanley Rolfe, Supervisor; William Spaulding, Foundry; Camille Riberdy, Supervisor; Louis Lustig, Maintenance; Frank Sovinski, Supervisor.

## OUR ROVING PLANT GUARD



JOSEPH HEBERT, who keeps a sharp lookout on his job of protecting David Bradley property, but in his earlier days made a "hobby" of "snitching" Clarence LaGrow's afternoon snacks.

## With Plant 37 Years; Retires In September

Our roving plant guard, Joseph H. Hebert, came to David Bradley in September, 1911.

In about 1880 Eleva and Eugenia Hebert of Martinton, Ill., started out in a covered wagon on the side of which was painted: "Kansas or Bust." They finally settled in Kensington, Kas., and on June 11, 1883, a son, little Joe, was born to them (our Joe).

When Joe was seven years old his parents decided to move back to Martinton, where educational facilities were available, there having been no schools established near them in Kansas at that time. Within six months after their return both of Joe's parents died. Joe lived with several families while going to school. After completing the fifth grade he decided to go on his own.

Joe's first job was as a farm hand at \$7 per month. He worked on farms until he was 16 years old, and then went to Western Union, where he remained for eight years. At this time everyone was interested in railroads so Joe tried that for a while. Not being able to rate an engineer's job, however, he left to come to Kankakee where he worked for the Foley and Williams Sewing Machine Company until he came to David Bradley as a plow fitter.

From 1911 to 1942 he remained connected with the plow department. During the war he became a relief guard and today is a roving guard, protecting company property, keeping employes in line and spreading good relations and cheer among his many friends, the employes of David Bradley.

Shortly after Joe came to work here he married Cordilia Belisle. They have two daughters, Genevieve (who works in our Time Study Department) and Margaret (now Mrs. Clarence Peter of Clifton). They are grandparents to Jake and Joan Peter.

Joe relates that when he came here most of the work was done by hand. Now practically all fabrication is done by machine. He marvels at the mass of production flowing through the plant.

One of the mysteries of a number of years back comes out. Joe and Clarence LaGrow were accustomed to going to dinner together. Clarence always bought a pie for a snack in the afternoon. To avoid having it stolen he would lock it in a wall cabinet. However, the cabinet was not stationary to the wall and Joe would pull it out and "snitch" the pie. Joe's hobby is raising chickens and rabbits.

About Labor Day of this year Joe plans to retire. He hopes that many of the boys here today will do as he has by remaining until retirement age. Joe says Bradley is the finest place in the country to work. He has been here all these years and has yet to receive his first "bawling out."

## Factory Quintet Nips Office, 52-49, in Nip-and-Tuck Battle

Over 400 cheering fans saw the shop boys eke out a stirring close victory over the office and supervisory team in a hotly contested basketball game Friday evening at the Bradley High School gymnasium.

The contest was the "rubber" game, as each team had won a previous game, to go back into history. In 1943 the Factory took the contest, while in 1944

the Office turned the tables.

The game was close throughout and but for the third quarter, in which the Factory gained its three-point margin, the battle might still be going on. It was 11-11 at the first quarter, 30-30 at the half, 41-33 for the Factory at the end of the third quarter and, of course, 52 to 49 at the final whistle.

Prince and Sadler were high point men for the winners, getting 19 and 17 points respectively, while B. Beck with 12 and Curby and Boule with 8 each notched most of the markers for the Office.

Receipts of the game are given to the Danon Runyon Cancer Fund and the American Red Cross. It is hoped that in the future the contest can be made an annual affair.

Box score:

OFFICE	fg	ft	tp	pf
Curby	4	0	8	1
Keller	0	0	0	0
Thurston	0	0	0	0
Boule	3	2	8	0
Gineris	1	0	2	0
Powers, L.	2	1	5	0
Ciaccio	0	0	0	2
Dominick	3	1	7	4
Beck, B.	5	2	12	5
Crawford	0	0	0	1
Buck	0	0	0	1
Cunnington	1	0	2	4
Beck, D.	2	1	5	0
TOTALS	21	7	49	18

FACTORY	fg	ft	tp	pf
Szwerenko	1	1	3	2
Boudreau	0	1	1	0
Sadler	7	3	17	1
Powers, J.	0	1	1	0
Garrett	1	0	2	1
Larson	2	2	6	0
Taylor	0	0	0	0
Breault	1	1	3	5
Prince	8	3	19	1
TOTALS	20	12	52	10

Referees: N. Weber and H. Lambert.

## WEAR YOUR GOGGLES!

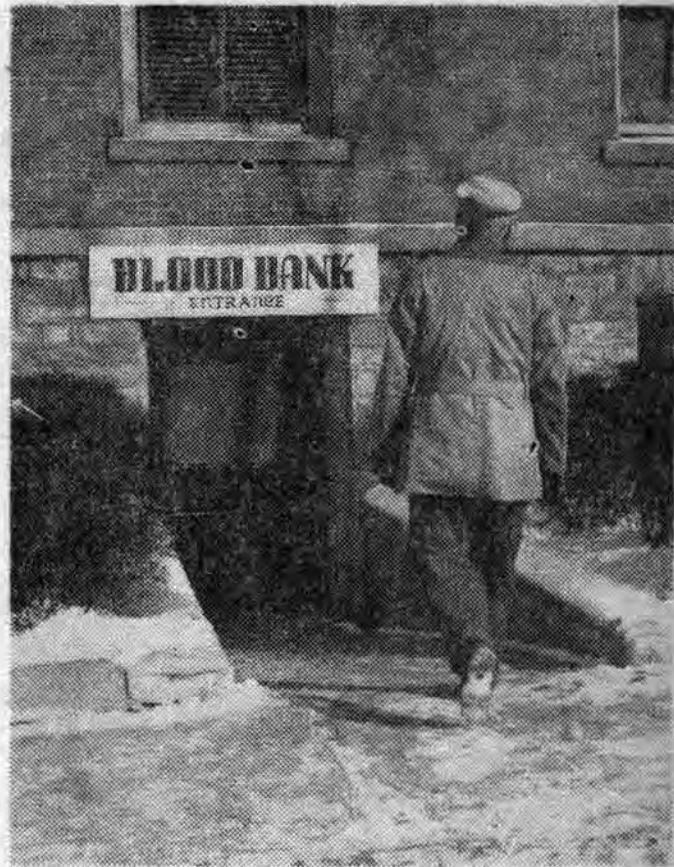
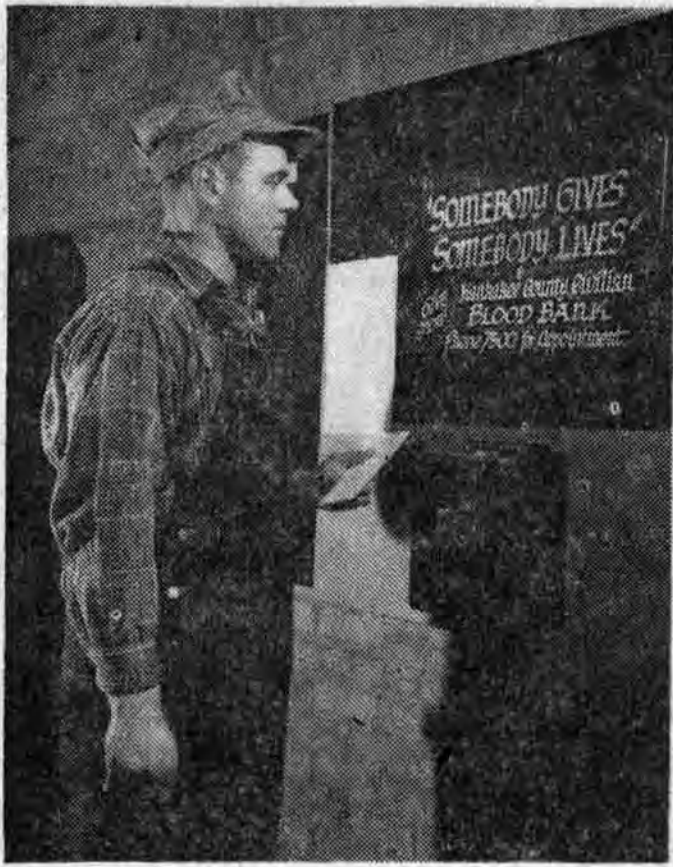
Every three minutes—day and night—an American worker suffers an eye injury. Don't be among them. Wear your safety goggles!

## FOR the COMMUNITY - FROM the COMMUNITY

I desire to be a part of the Kankakee County Civilian Blood Bank, Inc., and will donate.

NAME.....  
CLOCK NUMBER..... DEPARTMENT.....

# EIGHT EASY STEPS IN THE PROCESS OF AIDING THE CIVILIAN RED CROSS BLOOD BANK



1. Pictured above is Ray Konigowski, Bradley Machine Shop employe, scanning a bulletin board notice announcing the Blood Bank project.

2. Here Ray has called Main 7500, made an appointment and is entering the Blood Bank in the basement of St. Mary Hospital.

3. Ray is graciously received by one of the several volunteer workers who assist in the operation of the Kankakee County Civilian Blood Bank.

4. The nurse shows Ray how his blood sample is matched against a lighted slide to show clotting properties—an important detail.



5. The nurse takes Ray's temperature and pulse to determine whether he is physically perfect in every respect for the donation.

6. Here Ray's blood pressure is taken. Many donors are rejected because their blood pressure is either too high or too low.

7. Ray is shown actually giving blood. A local anaesthetic is administered to his arm so that no pain from the needle is felt.

8. After the donation, Ray is served coffee and cookies and, after a short rest, is driven home by a member of the Red Cross Motor Corps.

**More Donors Are Needed! Sign Up Now to Give a Pint of Blood! Give Your Blood to Save a Life!**

## Dear David:

Do you remember anything in particular from your high school economics class? I will never forget a lesson in which the professor asked me: "What is a 100-pound cake of ice worth?" I answered, "Sixty cents." I was very happy, for it wasn't often that the old professor was smart enough to ask a question that I could answer. But again he asked: "What is 100 pounds of ice worth?" Again I rose and said: "Professor, a 100-pound cake of ice is worth sixty cents and I know because I have bought it." Then the old professor took from his nose a funny looking pair of horned-rimmed spectacles and told me: "My boy, a 100-pound cake of ice at the North Pole isn't worth anything, but down in Hades a man would give his all to possess it. Time, place, supply and demand always determines the worth of a commodity, and no one can change that, not a professor of economics, not even the President of the United States; and now don't forget it."

I might have forgotten it, save that during World War II, I was in business and one day received a notice which read: "By powers vested upon the O.P.A., you are hereby informed to maintain your selling prices at the same levels of April, 1941." Further down on the page was a short post-script reading: "For violation of this order there will be a penalty of \$10,000 fine, two years imprisonment, or both."

This caused me to do some fast thinking. My cost of supplies, which were even hard to get, had risen; help was scarce and profit small. So, I made a speech to the President of the United States, saying: "I would like to tell you a story of a 100-pound cake of ice. At the North Pole it is worth nothing, but down in Hades it is priceless. Time, place,

supply and demand forever determine the worth of a commodity, and no one can change it, not even the President of the United States, and please don't forget it, sir!"

Of course the President didn't hear me, for he was many miles away, but I was making the speech just the same as I was pacing the floor. This does not cast any reflection on the late President. He must have been a smart man, for he divided the O.P.A. into local boards, which had the power to grant increases where no profit could be made by business men. In so great a crisis the government could not determine the worth of a commodity. These things should not be so difficult to understand, for the determining laws that govern successful business are not the laws passed by Congress, but rather they are written in the stars so that all who will may see.

Our trouble was not in the system, but rather with the men who were trying to make the system work. Great fallacies swept over our nation, confusing many, making fools of others and preventing all from enjoying more abundance of living. Now these fallacies threaten to overwhelm us. Government feeding and financing the world, or paying compensation to an unemployed, or setting aside the law of "time, place, supply and demand," will not give the answer. Doing this sort of thing will not make America rich and powerful and secure. It will not raise the standard of living. It will not make the weak strong, nor the foolish wise, nor the poor rich, nor make the nation able to stand world competition.

But it has definitely discouraged dreamers with new and "better" ideas, and investors from supplying the much-needed funds for new venture, and made management hesitate in

taking future risks. It has set up false values and caused this ever-growing inflation. Please understand this when you hear some bureaucrat blame greedy merchants, or greedy farmers, or greedy storekeepers, whose only desire and only hope is to earn a living by better serving someone else.

The answer to our present needs, to pay off the national debt, to meet competition, is to work. All of us—work, work, work. Make more implements, home appliances, homes, cars and suits—so priced that you and I can buy them!

The answer to all our problems is production, production, more production and better production, and production at lower cost.

This is not a job for a fact-finding committee, nor a theorist, nor a politician, nor a government bureau. It's a job for business—a job for industry. It's a job for you and I. It's a job of creating work by working.

The answer is new inventions, new and more and better machines, and more capital with which to buy them. It is better trained workers and more skilled foremen to direct their work.

Production (more, better, and at less cost), means two things: First, the company makes more money and, second, the product can be sold at a lower price. This is the first step to stop inflation. Next, when companies earn more money two things happen: First, they can and do pay higher wages and, second, dollars paid in wages buy more things and services, for prices are lower.

So, David, you see it all comes back to production, through competition, to serve a consumer. We know how to do it, then why not "get on with it?"

A FRIEND

## Employees Should Know Location Of Stretchers

Several weeks ago a man became injured to the extent that a stretcher was required to bring him to First Aid for treatment.

Evidently the boys who assisted the injured man did not know the location of the nearest stretcher, as they ran quite some distance to get the one used, instead of utilizing one much nearer the scene of the accident.

Perhaps, however, they were totally unaware of the location of the nearest stretcher. We are taking this means to identify the location of the various stretchers that are spotted at strategic places in the plant. These locations are as follows:

Locker building — north of Safety Director's office.

Foundry — east of foreman's office, at south wall of malleable room.

Forge Shop—at south end of room, at top of the ramp.

Grinding Room — at extreme north wall.

Old implement assembly, second floor—at south side of timekeeper's office.

Sheet Metal Shop—at south wall, west of time clock.

East Manufacturing Building —on north wall of north rest room.

East Manufacturing Building —on south wall of south rest room.

It certainly would be to the advantage of each and every one of us to familiarize ourselves with the locations of these stretchers and also learn how to use them should an emergency arise. Several minutes saved in an emergency might mean the difference between life and death.

## Service Anniversaries

### FIVE YEARS

Robert Levitt, Foundry (March 16, 1943).

Marshall Cross, Forge Shop, (March 16, 1943).

Louis Walters, Assembly (March 25, 1943).

Horace Petty, Electrical (March 28, 1943).

### TEN YEARS

Elmer Riberdy, Tool and Die (March 2, 1938).

George Hasbargen, Maintenance (March 12, 1938).

Joseph Gustin, Supervisor (March 21, 1938).

Hubert Edwards, Warehouse (March 31, 1938).

## SEARS SHARES . . .

(Continued from First Page) company for every dollar deposited.

"Sears' profit-sharing system is particularly unique in that it was established 32 years ago," said Mr. Rogers.

"In setting up at that early date a system to provide for the eventual retirement and old age of its employes, Sears management actually initiated a form of social security 20 years ahead of the government."

The fund now owns over 16 per cent of Sears stock and this ownership makes it the company's largest single stockholder. The fund's current assets amount to \$171,065,000 (based on a January 31 value of \$34 a share), these assets being credited directly to the accounts of the individual members. However, the actual money deposited by the present employe membership in order to amass this value has been only \$31,000,000, Mr. Rogers pointed out.

# Jibes, Jests and Facts About Folks You Know

## CUTTING-IN and SICKLE DEPT. SLUGS

By PAUL JENSEN

William Green received his five year pin this week. Only five more to go for a ten year pin.

Sam Ritchey has been off for the past week because of a cut on his eye. By the way, Sam, your machine's out in the new building now. All painted up, too!

Ann Kearney, our former timekeeper, was married Friday evening, February 13, in Chicago. Hope she's not superstitious! Anyway, we wish Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kraft a long and happy marriage.

We've been wondering why so many men went home early Friday. They said it was because of the weather. It couldn't have been that check could it fellows?

Jim Purdue got his Packard smashed up. He says it was parked in front of the house and a snow plow hit it. We'll have to give him credit—that's a new one!

A few of our up-and-coming gentlemen attended the Metal Trades banquet and dance at the K. of C. hall Saturday evening, February 14.

## GRINDING ROOM DUST

By AUGUST MEAR

Have you ever heard a Frenchman and an Irishman arguing as to whether St. Patrick was Irish or not?

Al Fellers, our timekeeper, says it's quite a job to quit smoking. He tried it and gave up the second day.

Jerome Fetterly has been transferred to the Grinding Room.

We welcome three more new employees to our department—Richard Hochstetler, Erland Hitz and Charles Basham. Hope you like it, fellows!

Have you been working safely the past two weeks? It pays big dividends. Try it, if you haven't! That's all for now!

## TIN SHOP RATTLES

By EDWARD KLONOWSKI

Have you ever noticed Herb Summers looking for a die. He always has either a flashlight or a match burning in his hand. Reminds you of Diogenes with his lantern.

I am suggesting a theme song for Lowell Gregory and Ross Milk. It is "Two Sleepy People." Monday morning is kind of rough, isn't it fellows? Well, you have to pay some kind of a price for all that popularity.

Leland Lambert and Ed Wilhoit also have been having trouble getting to work on time. They blame it on a poor, little alarm clock.

Lyle Johnson says "Just call me Singing Sandy." Lyle saw a movie the other day which was quite old and was practicing his fast draw all day. Said he could outshoot those cowboys any day.

"Shorty" LaMontagne fell off the porch steps at home the other day. Told everybody he was playing cards and drinking beer at a neighbor's home and it happened when he decided to go home. Wonder which "Shorty" did the most of—drinking beer or playing cards.

Jack Garret is the Tin Shop authority on basketball. Ask him anything you would like to know about the game.

## TOOL AND DIE WHISTLES

By MICKEY BOUDREAU

Hello, Gang! This is your tool room news reporter bringing you the latest. Sorry that yours truly missed the last issue, but will try to fulfill my duties in this edition.

On Thursday, February 12, Bob Caron was awarded a Tool Maker Certificate by his foreman, Joe Gustin. Best of luck to you, Bob!

One of our tool room boys was out strutting his stuff a couple of weeks ago. While dancing he was trying to size up another couple, but this certain party found himself on the floor, which he said was plenty hard. I think he should wear cushions in the seat of his trousers next time. How about it, Dave, is it the truth?

There are a couple of boys who seem to be running in close competition with each other as to who has the best and most efficient radar set. One says his radar can pick up the sound wave and is also static-free two benches away. The other said that his set was acting up a little now and then, but he will give anyone a race for their money. Some call him "Mary of the Tool Room" or "Ball and Chain." We're not mentioning any names, but their ini-

tials are Tom Damler and "Mitch" Leszczewicz.

If there is any person who is feeling low, gloomy or a little on the sad side and needs cheering up, there are two persons to see. First, Joe Xanders, who will sing his cheers to you in his romantic song, "Jack, Jack, Jack." The other person is none other than our own "Tool Room Chaplain," Joe Wieliczko. He is always free and willing to give his blessing on all grievances, even if the grievance is over a broom. How about giving us a list of your visiting hours, so we won't make a trip to your bench for nothing. Do you think that could be arranged, Chaplain Wieliczko?

Marvin Kraft has been away from work for about three weeks and just recently returned. Say, "Dutch," it is a good thing you came back when you did, because the boys were wondering if you had gone to Washington with the plant manager or not, but I believe what you told me that you were off due to your disordered stomach. To bed they don't handle milk instead of beer at the "Broadway Lanes" on Thursday nights. Glad to see you back and hope your feeling tops, "Dutch."

It was about a month ago that Ed Flowers was visited by the following from the Tool Room: Les McClure, Joe Wieliczko, Tony Ciaccio and Bill "Foul Ball" Bossert. On the way back, "Foul Ball" suggested a stop at Dwight, because he claimed he spent a little time around the town. So, as Les and Joe tell us, Bill just about got lost, but finally managed to hit Chris' Place, which he insisted he knew very well. Bill asked Chris if he remembered him and the answer was, "Never seen you before in my life." Boy, what a "Foul Ball" Bill turned out to be.

Well, Gang, until next time—bye now!

## MAINTENANCE MUSINGS

By EVERETT MULLIGAN

It is being nosed around the shop that Paul Stevenson and Tom Travis, Sr., are bidding to see who buys a certain 40-year-old horse. At that some of the fellows believe it could beat either one of the horses they now have.

Ray Dill, after a siege of illness, is back on the job. Glad to see you back on the job, Ray. You had Lester Fennell quite worried.

Have you noticed the long, sad look on one of our maintenance men since the drop in the corn market.

Casey Westover is to be congratulated. He is the proud papa of a baby boy, even though he did get there too late for the main feature.

Speaking of Casey, have you noticed how jumpy he is when he sees a time study man. He is scared they will rate his present job.

I understand there is quite a rivalry between the driver of the Pontiac and the driver of the Oldsmobile. I have been unable to find out whose car she is riding in.

## OFFICE (Second Floor)

By NAOMI PETERS

Damon Wheeler of Lowell, Ind., is a new member of the Time Study crew. Welcome to David Bradley!

Since "Andy" Anderson has received a banged up shoulder from pulling his children on their sled, we advise him to start searching for a "huskie" to do the job. Anyone knowing where one can be had, let Andy know.

Glendoris Pray and her one and only recently took a jaunt to the Windy City and tripped the light fantastic to Lawrence Welk's orchestra at the Trianon ballroom.

If you wondered why Maxine Senesse seemed unusually tired last Monday morning ask her about the wedding reception she attended.

Helen Lehnig is a new employee in the Service Parts division. Hope you like being with the gang.

We think it is impossible to have Schuyler Avenue widened solely for Art Emigh, so we can only advise him never to try and pass in between two buses especially with a new car. But experience is the best teacher, isn't it, Van?

Vince Webster won an FM set from WKIL for identifying an "FM Personality" the other day. From now on you can't say you've never won anything, Vince.

If this column seems exceptionally short to you, Rex Bainter is the reason. Rex reserved a large space for some snappy gossip, but at deadline time it was not ready. Maybe it will be by next issue.

## TIPS from RECEIVING and STORES

By CLAYTON CURBY

The Receiving Department and Stores has finally moved into the new building after being in that rat hole for the past years, it sure feels good to be in a nice clean office and also being on the main floor. Saves a lot of extra running around for everybody. Everyone in the department is well pleased.

Ben Hess of the Receiving crew has been ill for the past week. He had the flu, but is now back to work and feeling fine.

Another one of our men has been ill this past week. You all know him—Alex Zdyb. Believe he also had a cold or something. He's OK now.

Bill Korstick and Ed Kerouac tell us they sure enjoy their new office. Now when they have a tough problem they can sit at ease and have a smoke while discussing it. We were not allowed to smoke in the basement.

## FORGINGS

By HAROLD SIEFERT

Paul Chinski is back with us and in good shape considering his injury. Paul says he is going to take it easy for a while. Glad to have you back, Paul.

Edward Cleryca has switched jobs and is now working with Gordon Wright. Lots of luck on your new job, Ed, because you will need it. P.S.—Remember, "Flash," you've got a partner.

The south share gang now has a little company. Another share gang which had been the night gang came on days. We can count on a lot more racket now, fellows. Eli Milakovich is very happy about it, too.

Does anyone know why Stanley Ignaczak always yells "Later, later, later!" He really has it down pat. Stanley tells me he has been a member of David Bradley for 38 years. That's a long time, Stanley.

Who was it that said Gordon Wright was going to retire. And so young, too!

Eli Milakovich was telling the boys about a former share gang heater called Johnny Grimes. It seems Johnny nose started "running," but he couldn't figure out why. Somebody told him it was the Borax running out of his nose. Somewhat startled at this Johnny then asked assistance from Jimmy Purdue, who is now foreman of the Cutting Room. Jimmy could only tell him to blow his nose. We wonder if that gave Johnny any satisfaction.

Joseph Pawowski has also turned teacher now. His pupil is Charlie Masters. Joe is teaching him the art of stomping, dropping and trimming shares. Joe says he is a good man. P.S.—He shaves every day, says Joe.

We were proud to learn that it was someone from our department that supplied the name, "The Pioneer Plowman," for our paper. Nice going, Arnold Ray.

## OFFICE (First Floor)

Adelia Ruder of the Tabulating Department has resumed the daily grind after a three weeks' leave of absence.

Alberta Grueneberg of the Cost Department is back to work looking as fit as the proverbial fiddle after her recent operation.

Fern Belmore is back at Bradley after an unwelcome visit of a flu germ—or was that Spring fever.

Ann Kearney, timekeeper in the new building, was married in Chicago on February 13 at the hour of 8:13 p.m. Isn't that pushing Lady Luck a little too far?

Here's an item that should make us get pen in hand and apply a little morale lifting: Earl Wilken, former Supervisor of Material Control, who left David Bradley because of his health, is now in St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights, Ill. We are sure Earl would be cheered by receiving cards or little notes from his friends at David Bradley. It would take but five minutes of your time to be a part of this cheering section. . . . At the same time, perhaps you could drop Nick Gillen, Foreman of Department 36, a little card of cheer, too. He's at St. Mary Hospital.

Russell Skelton, formerly with Harry Ferguson, Inc., is a new employe at Bradley, in the capacity of assistant to Mr. Higgins of the Merchandising Department. . . . Clifford Pester has joined Bradley and is working with Mr. Rogers on special assignments.

If anyone has gained knowledge as to who "The Walking Man" is, please contact Doris Denoyer immediately. This thing has caused somnambulism. . . .

Larry Richardson was elected president of the Keymen's Club recently; retiring officer is George Luke. . . . In the basketball game between the office and factory personnel, Cecil Crawford and Joe Dominiak showed that they were still very cagey (no pun meant). . . . Earl Miller has quite a reputation for being lucky at games of chance. His son, Duane, evidently possesses the same luck charm, winning an FM converter on the Mr. FM radio contest. . . . It is very evident that the first floor has the slogan, "No news is good news." Well, maybe the thought of Spring in the offing will bring more activities and chatter. Let's hope so.

## SERVICE SLANDER

By HAL McCLEARY

Bob Blanchette is still talking about a certain Papineau dance and a certain blonde girl from the Material Control Department.

Is Ardelle Hanover being sued for breach of promise?

Production at Bradley is greater and greater (especially in Leo's Repair Parts Department). Is there any doubt about who the Brigham Young of the Office can be!

We wonder if Mrs. Rogers allows our boss to chew in bed.

Have you noticed the change in Stella Demers Vaillancourt the last few days.

Girls, that tall good looking gentleman conducting the Service School is Lee Eastman of Sears Chicago office.

Does Gene know Dianne entertains a boy by the name of Donald almost every Tuesday and Thursday night?

Thought for the week: Early to bed, early to rise—and your gal goes out with the other guys!

## MET. LAB. NOTES

By JOHN DRAVES

Cecil would like to know the whereabouts of some war surplus gas cans, to be sure he won't run out of that precious fluid again. Even the Mrs. says it happens too often.

Jeanne's on the wagon and this time for good! No more cokes, she wails. "Just look at me." Even though Lent is in progress she retaliated with seven pounds of candy on her recent birthday. (Some Valentine—the 14.) It won't do any good to stop by the Lab for a handout, as it's all evaporated.

Some class to Jimmy, for he just recently bought a new Dodge and now he's expecting a new Hudson. Ask his Mrs.!

Friday the 13th was a little too slick for Jimmy, as he had to make the trip here from Gilman via train. Too much sleet even for that Dodge job!

Johnnie would like to know what is good for insomnia. Wonder if it could be these unsettled conditions on the grain market. There is plenty of corn around for sale, so he says.

Handy, after a trip to Chicago, complained the next morning that the paint fumes in the Lab were getting the best of him and declared something should be done about it. Try a little more sleep, Handy. It might clear up the situation. P.S.—Handy, we like a good time as much as anybody, but not too often!

Jack says he loves the people who just call to say hello and then hang around until you go "nuts." Keep calm and you will be fit.

If it is obvious that a woman has made an earnest effort to appear young, it is only fair to tell her that she looks young.

It seems that last week Hal of the Service Department scooped this reporter on a matter concerning a certain blonde. The truth is, so the story goes, that no such situation happened. How about a retraction, Hal? Moral—Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.

## STOKER DEPT.

By EMMIE NELSON

February 12, 1948, might have been just Lincoln's birthday to most people, but not to Shorty, the elevator operator. Mabel and Richard Gagliani celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary. Congratulations! We hope you have many more of the same!

Ben Meents is still home recuperating from an operation. Take care of yourself, Ben, so you will soon be able to come back to work again. Tom doesn't have anyone to fight with now. He's afraid to pick on Wilbur.

Have you heard about a certain man from the Stoker Department who had a "lost week-end" in the middle of the week?

What's this we hear about Pen wanting to make Uncle Sam wait until the last minute.

## MACHINE SHOP SHAVINGS

By JERRY POWERS

Elmer Meyers was seen last week in different barber shops hunting for some guy with extra hair on his head, so he could replace some that he is missing.

Larry Yonke is so popular with women that they even call at his house at 5 o'clock in the morning. Just ask Larry about his blonde visitor dressed in an evening gown.

Dick Cramer sure has something on Al Guenette. We wonder if it could be about his drab C.C.C. friend.

If someone ever took Johnny Ross' comb away from him, he would be lost.

A couple of days ago we all saw Cy Belcher flying through the department. It wasn't good advertisement for his wife's sewing. She just forgot to take the needle out of Cy's pants.

Clarence Provancal is still living in hopes of getting an automatic feed on his cut-off lathe.

Since the weather has started getting warmer Elmer Rantz can take off his engineer's coat and look like the rest of us workers.

The boys who were kidding Hardie Dick will have to get it back on Seroy, because the foreman won't let Hardie get out of the department.

The last four operators on the broach left. We wonder if Alex Kaplinski is going into the trucking business with Ray Konigowski's truck.

Shorty McQuillan is the guy who holds up children's prices. All his shopping is in that department.

If you ever want a rubber mat, see Frank O'Connor.

First we see Greenwood with a Chevy, next a Ford. We wonder when the horse and buggy will be coming.

If corn drops any more, Shirley Berns will be back with us, because he will never afford that Buick with those prices.

## FOUNDRY CASTINGS

By BENNY SZEWERENKO

Speaking of ambitions, we believe the following would apply to these individuals:

Frank McNamee—to bowl a 300 game.

Bob—to have a son to take to sports as he does.

Joe Mouth—to be boss in his own house just once.

Jim Bowden—to have a good meal with his new teeth.

Franklin Giasson—to hit the 25-cent jackpot.

Bud Menard—to wake up some morning and find out that he is married.

Gene Seamark—to have his own little home.

Leroy LaMontagne—not to have any more auto wrecks.

Anthony Kaplinski—to have his sons grow up and become ball players.

The boys have Eugene Seroy's spirit up. Now he wants to know whether they serve meals in the Lonely Hearts Club.

Well we have finally seen our new sand-mixer in operation, and it is in fine running order.

Ray Dominiak has his television set hooked up now and can go home every night and find a full house of boys and girls from the village waiting to enjoy it.

Sorry, no more news, but we'll try to have more for the next edition.

## WAREHOUSE

By TOM TRAVIS and GIRLS IN THE BASEMENT

Forrest's youngest helper, Johnny White, is home with the whooping cough. Hope you are feeling better, Johnny.

Zada Riberdy is a new employe in the Warehouse, as a packer. Welcome to David Bradley, Zada.

A Valentine party was held at the home of Daisy Logan on Friday, February 13. Irene Konrath, former employe of David Bradley, was an honored guest. A light lunch was served and Valentines exchanged.

Down in Plow Shares they have acquired a new bundler, Gerry Magruder. Shorty Fortin was transferred to the basement just recently. He is from the Steel Yards.

Louie Firmwalt is thoughtful. He keeps his wife's good watch home in a box and lets her carry a small alarm clock in her pocket.

Shorty LeBeau returned to work February 16, after a 30-day leave of absence. On his leave he met Leonard St. Pierre, who is a former warehouse employe. He sends his best wishes to the old gang.

Tony Dominick has made a (Continued on Next Page)

# Happy Birthday!

## Knowledge of Initial First Aid Measures of Great Importance

By FRANK SOVINSKI  
The American Red Cross in a recent publication defines First Aid as follows:

"First Aid is the immediate temporary treatment given in case of an accident or sudden illness before the services of a physician can be secured."

Proper First Aid measures reduce suffering and place the injured person in a physician's hands in a better condition to receive subsequent treatment where necessary.

There are certain things we should remember at all times should an accident result in a serious injury. These things will apply not only in our plant, but also in our homes, on the highways, or while we are at play.

The patient should be kept lying down in a comfortable position with the head level until it is determined that the injury is not serious. This prevents fainting and helps prevent shock. However, if the face is flushed, the head may be raised slightly, or if there is vomiting, the head should be turned to one side to prevent choking.

Avoid moving the injured person at all unless it is absolutely necessary. It is vital that persons attending victims of a broken neck or a broken back refrain from moving these patients in any way that would aggravate the injury and perhaps do irreparable damage to the spinal column. Also, rushing a patient to a hospital at an unsafe speed may involve another accident and aggravate the injury.

The patient should be checked

for hemorrhage, stoppage of breathing, wounds, burns, fractures, dislocations, etc. The attendants should be sure that all injuries are found. In examining the patient, only enough clothes should be removed that the extent of the injury may be realized. Serious bleeding, stoppage of breath and poisoning take precedence in this order over all other possible injuries and demand immediate attention.

Among other essential things to remember when coming upon the scene of an accident are:

- (1) Make use of your knowledge of First Aid. Do not be hurried into moving the injured person, unless it is absolutely necessary.
- (2) Never give an unconscious person water or any other liquid by which he may be strangled.
- (3) Warn onlookers away from the injured, as they frequently interfere with what is being done.
- (4) Make the patient comfortable and cheer him in any way possible, quiet his fears and keep him hopeful.
- (5) If possible, avoid letting the patient see his own injury and do not let him know how badly injured he is.
- (6) Be sure that nothing is done that will cause further injury to the patient. Above all, keep calm—an excited person will only do more harm.

March 1: A. O. Dady, Supervisor; Ernest Hood, Supervisor; Walter Russell, Foundry.

March 2: Matthew Kindzorek, Foundry; Richard Owens, Foundry; Gene Dion, Forge Shop.

March 3: B. T. Aasland, Supervisor; R. A. Beck, Supervisor; E. W. Thurston, Supervisor; Sam Raimondo, Paint Shop; Clarence Merten, Assembly.

March 4: Charles Tousignant, Assembly; Dorothy Rapier, Inspection; George Dominick, Foundry; Thomas Travis, Stokers.

March 5: Nick Weber, Timekeeper; William Klink, Welding; Melvin Gilbert, Foundry.

March 6: Armand Fortin, Forge Shop; Arnold Trepanier, Paint Shop.

March 7: Michael Car, Supervisor; Donald Papineau, Material Stores.

March 8: Lucien Vanesse, Forge Shop; Clifford Shumaker, Machine Shop.

March 9: Arnold Cremer, Machine Shop; Ernest Peters, Grinding Room; Francis McElroy, Welding; Paul Mali, Foundry.

March 10: Oscar Hansen, Supervisor; Merl Morrical, Assembly; Fred Cross, Experimental.

March 11: Henry Toune, Machine Shop; Eugene Boudreau, Warehouse; Ronald Schultz, Grinding Room; Charles Mesevitz, Elevator Operator; Clarence Ferdinand, Welding; Stanley Burling, Foundry; William Henderson, Paint Shop.

March 12: Merle Cote, Tin Shop; Carl Hubbard, Grinding Room; John Kindzorek, Janitor.

March 13: Howard Beck, Tool and Die; Lloyd Walsh, Foundry; Farrell Arseneau, Welding.

March 15: Lawrence Power, Supervisor; Vernon Adams, Assembly; Richard Hansen, Receiving.

March 16: James Aust, Assembly; Orville Denton, Grinding Room.

March 17: Marie Benoit, Office; Walter Koza, Forge Shop; Joseph LeClair, Maintenance; Patrick Regnier, Machine Shop; Francis Cavender, Machine Shop; Vernon Bisping, Tool and Die; Victor Conway, Warehouse.

March 18: Harry Grumish, Supervisor; Joseph Ciaccio, Timekeeper; Zephyr Regnier, Janitor; Allen Fry, Experimental; Omer Mallioux, Assembly; Donald St. Aubin, Welding.

March 19: Hal McCleary, Office; Charles Dubie, Foundry.

March 20: Joseph Jirus, Assembly; Leon Jones, Maintenance; Edward Rabinett, Forge Shop.

March 21: Eileen Gallois, Office.

March 22: Lyle Smith, Maintenance; Joseph Wieliczko, Tool and Die.

March 23: Dolores Beck, Office; Frank Wasetis, Tin Shop; Zygmunt Olesinski, Foundry; Herschel Capron, Welding; Frank Allie, Tool and Die; Edward Ashline, Paint Shop.

March 24: Gabriel Kerouac, Supervisor; William Mullett, Paint Shop; Donald Saathoff, Assembly; Edmond Kilbride, Grinding Room.

March 25: Joseph Xanders, Tool and Die; Harold Stowe, Warehouse; Garth Heddins, Assembly; Jesse Leathers, Maintenance.

March 26: George Luke, Supervisor; Edward Lehnert, Forge Shop; Lawrence Sommers, Forge Shop; Ezra Raymond, Grinding Room.

March 27: Phillip Ashline, Forge Shop; Raymond O'Donnell, Foundry; Lyle Gordon, Grinding Room; Robert Levitt, Foundry; Virgil Thompson, Steel Yard.

March 28: Gerald George, Supervisor; Robert Sundin, Supervisor; Clifford Seamark, Grinding Room; Charles Wilkins, Foundry; Howard Strom, Foundry; Frank Pezdirtz, Tool and Die; Thomas Carlin, Steel Yard.

March 29: Marjorie Haigh, Office; Mary Gallagher, Personnel; Robert Smith, Maintenance; Thomas Winebrenner, Welding.

March 30: Felix Janicki, Foundry; Wesley Nourie, Forge Shop; Earl Coy, Forge Shop.

March 31: Everett Reed, Grinding Room; Willard Rogers, Maintenance; Leon Kohan, Assembly; Lester Lampport, Maintenance.

## 100,000 Killed By Accidents In 1947, Safety Council Reports

### TRY THIS DAILY DOZEN

1. A little patience at least once.
2. A minute of unselfishness.
3. A kind word—or two or three.
4. A bit of self-control.
5. A flash of generosity.
6. A prompt excuse — for someone else.
7. A noble thought—perhaps a text recalled.
8. A good deed—not left undone.
9. A brief prayer for a friend in trouble.
10. A moment of thankfulness for blessings enjoyed.
11. A kindly smile—where it may brighten another.
12. A snatch of song—or hum of tune.

—Sun Life Production News

### ON ONE NICKEL?

DICK: "Joe, old boy, for a father of twins you look downhearted."

JOE: "I thought she would forget about giving the wrong number when she quit being a telephone operator."

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Employes' classified advertising will be published in The Pioneer Plowman free of charge —subject to approval of the editor.

### WANTED TO BUY

ANYONE HAVING LOTS FOR sale in Bradley, please notify C. R. Curby or Phone 5572-R1.

### WANTED TO RENT

3-4-5-6-ROOM FURNISHED OR unfurnished homes or apartments for tenants with or without children. Please notify E. Goudreau, Personnel Dept.

The nation's toll from accidents in 1947, according to the National Safety Council, reported by an Associated Press story appearing in daily newspapers throughout the country, was 100,000 killed, 10,500,000 injured and \$6,700,000,000 economic loss. There was a general increase in accidental deaths of all kinds—except traffic mishaps—as compared to 1946. Home accidents led, displacing traffic, traditional No. 1 leader. The council said one out of every 14 persons in the country suffered a disabling injury last year.

Last year's death toll was two per cent more than in 1946 but the council said the most encouraging spots in the accident picture was a four per cent decrease in traffic fatalities.

The council said the over-all increase was due principally to a sharp rise in public accidents other than motor vehicles—mainly drownings and disaster tolls.

Home accidents caused 33,500 deaths, an increase of three per cent over 1946, and compared to 32,000 motor fatalities. Other accidental deaths included 17,000 occupational (civilian); 19,000 public (civilian, not motor vehicle), and 1,600 military personnel.

Falls, always among the top causes for deaths, cost the lives of 26,900 and 8,700 died of burns. Seven catastrophes in 1947, including three airplane crashes, caused 50 or more deaths each. They included the Texas City explosion, the Texas-Oklahoma tornado, the Centralia, Ill., coal mine explosion and the gulf coast hurricane.

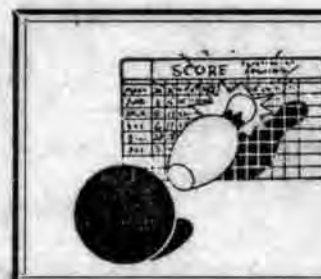
Of the 10,500,000 persons injured, 1,100,000 were hurt in traffic accidents.

### NOT A "NEW LOOK"

Many a woman thinks she bought a dress for a ridiculous price, when in reality she bought it for an absurd figure.

## SAMMY SAFETY SAYS

Always be careful!  
The life you save may be your own!



DAVID BRADLEY

## Maple Splinters

By FRANK SOVINSKI

League standings as of February 12, 1948:

Team	Won	Lost
Disc Harrows	42	18
Spreaders	39	21
Seeders	35	25
Tractors	33	27
Stokers	31	29
Cultivators	31	29
Planters	30	30
Shellers	28	32
Grinders	28	32
Hay Rakes	27	33
Mowers	27	33
Wagons	27	33
Plow Shares	26	34
Drag Harrows	26	34
Plows	25	35
Hay Loaders	25	35

### HIGHLIGHTS OF FEBRUARY 5, 1948

Ray Hayes rolled 224, high game of the night. Larry Powers hit a 600 series on games of 211, 209 and 180. His series was the first 600 series bowled this season. The Stokers hit high game of 829 and the Spreaders high series—2373.

"Pop" Nelson bowled his first 200 game last week; also hit a 521 series. Seems like "Pop" is getting younger every day.

Harold "Mudball" Knecht told us that if "Matty" Mathews could only bowl his weight their team would not be in twelfth place. Could he!

Joe Jakob rolled a 353 series the other night. He says that he was bushed from running back and forth between the new and old assembly rooms.

Fred Hasemeyer of the Plows was absent from the session. He was at the hospital teaching his new son how to set pins.

Ronald Prairie, after rolling a 328 series, said the pins ought to be painted a bright red or green as he is not used to seeing white objects.

Matt Kindzorek says that Ray Dominiak and Russ Durand are going to have to stop working him so hard on the day he bowls. Maybe his 340 series bears this out.

After losing Bob Levitt, we picked up Bill Beck as our lead-off man. The first night we bowled against Dick Beck's team, Bill gave his Dad a few bowling lessons. Dick says that he was just lucky.

Tony Ciaccio wants us to know that his name is not Joe.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF FEBRUARY 12, 1948

Roy Rathman said that we should stop boasting about his three consecutive 500 series. It seems that his last two series were 376 and 381.

Well, folks, he did it. Yep, Cy Belcher's latest average, after carrying a 137, is now 138.

High game for the night was bowled by Russ Hubert, a 238 game. Russ missed getting in the individual prize money when he got a split in the eleventh frame after six consecutive strikes. His 587 series was also high for the night. The Shares hit an 882 game, second high for the season. They also had high team series of 2402.

Incidentally, Cultivator team

### BOWLING SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

First shift, 6:45 p.m.—Drag Harrows vs. Mowers, Wagons vs. Tractors, Stokers vs. Cultivators, Seeders vs. Spreaders.

Second shift, 8:45 p.m.—Shares vs. Hay Rakes, Disc Harrows vs. Plows, Hay Loaders vs. Shellers, Planters vs. Grinders.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 4

First shift, 6:45 p.m.—Disc Harrows vs. Tractors, Hay Loaders vs. Spreaders, Mowers vs. Planters, Hay Rakes vs. Cultivators.

Second shift, 8:45 p.m.—Grinders vs. Drag Harrows, Seeders vs. Shellers, Shares vs. Stokers, Wagons vs. Plows.

beat the league-leading Disc Harrows three straight.

Boy, is our league getting confused. There are only three games difference between the eighth and sixteenth place teams.

A newcomer to the 200-game club was our Mickey Boudreau with a 203 game. Mickey also joined the 500-series club with a 521 series along with Tiv Monty with a 512 series, Leroy Pombert a 534 series, Frankie Mc Nash a 502 series and "little" Red Taylor a 503 series.

The Shellers, after floundering around the bottom of the league practically all season, are tied for eighth place. Norman Pawloski, their captain, says that they are heading for the top.

This boy Larry Powers just goes on and on. His 564 series this week raised his average another pin up to 175, the best in the league.

Speaking of averages, Tom Travis, George Luke and Vern Williams, all of Shares, each raised their average by two points last week. For the second time this season their team bowled a 2402 series, just four pins from getting in the prize money.

Nick Weber of the Seeders, after a siege of mumps, returned to the alleys last week. Evidently Nick was not in too good shape as yet. His games of 130, 120 and 135 dropped his average two points.

The boys tell me that "Puss" Newman, after four straight strikes in his first game came up with a perfect split. "Puss" says that it was a xzy time to have a beer frame. You did not get stuck, did you, "Puss"?

Joe Wieliczko, the curly haired loader, picked the 1-5-7-10-pin split last week and, folks, that is a tough one. Joe says that it was a good thing he picked that split for a spare, as he finished the game with a 106 score.

Harry Grumish's left-handed hook has been running all over the alleys of late. What's wrong, Harry? Maybe you ought to do the baby's washing on some night other than bowling night. Yeh, like I do!

Who is the young lady accompanying Jim Goodman to the alleys these nights? Be careful, Jim; I remember when my wife took an interest in bowling. Now look at me!

## FOLKS YOU KNOW . . . Cont. from Preceding Page

complete recovery from his birthday. Glad to see you well again, Tony.

We are wondering if Paul Riberty is going in the mining game. He was seen looking over the land around Essex.

Congratulations to Walter Dominick on his new job. Walter is now an assistant to Mr. Beck. Here's wishing you lots of good luck on your new job, Walt.

Ed Nehls, a former checker, has moved up a grade and now Ed is our Warehouse stockman.

The Warehouse has two new checkers. They are Paul Legris and Clarence Cook, who both were former order fillers.

## ASSEMBLERS and PAINT SHOP

By FRANK OVNIH

Dale Hill has been home with his mother the past few days. She suffered a paralytic stroke.

Peggy Hanna was teaching Ann Kerney how to wash windows the day before her wedding.

Harold Wetmore gave his wife his check stub last week instead of the real check. He came in Monday with his neck encompass in a bandage. His wife probably choked him until he

came across with the real McCoy.

Oscar Beaupre has moved to the new plant with his pet press.

Am sorry to report that Nick Gillen is on the sick list. The boys wish you would hurry and get well, Nick. We need you back on the job.

James Hazzard is home with the whooping cough. We understand his two children have it also. We're all wishing them a quick recovery.

It took Harold Wetmore two days to discover the reason for the oil pressure going down in his Chrysler—an empty oil pan! Chryslers use oil, too, Harold!

More trouble for Rivard Caron. He "honeeyed" his girl over the phone until she took him back.

Fred Johnson is home sick. The doctors ordered him off his feet for a week. Hope you are back soon, Fred!

Last issue we commented on the east entrance to the new building. This week we received a letter from Mrs. Elmer Lamie. She, too, has hopes that we soon will have an east entrance, so that she can sleep longer—and Elmer can get to work on time. You see they live directly across the street from the proposed entrance.