

VOX POP

What do you think are the most common causes of accidents and how can they be avoided?

BURNELL BISHOP, Chrome Plating: I think that the most common causes of accidents are carelessness and improper parking of loads in aisles and in front of doors; also poor lights. Be careful at all times and putting everything in its proper place is the best suggestion I would have.



WILLIAM MULLETT, C.M.C.: Poor housekeeping is often the cause of accidents; also overconfidence in the ability of one to overcome safety hazards without due respect for safety rules. If we keep these two things uppermost in our mind we will avoid many accidents and discomforts in getting our day's work done.



STEVE GINERIS, Supervisor: The apathy and assuredness one develops from a long association with his particular job or equipment used, is a major contributor to accidents. One's sense of speed and feel becomes quite dull on repetitious types of work. One should remember when he begins to feel this way that we are not that type of an animal or living thing that can grow a new finger, eye, etc., when it is lost through an accident.



HAROLD SOMMERS, Central Trucking: I think carelessness is the greatest and most common cause of accidents. As driver of a "mule" in my department, I issue the following words of caution: "Do not drive or walk through doorways without looking both ways; go easy when approaching a danger point; drivers should sound horn; do not overload bunks and trucks, and no smoking near flammable materials."



GLENN SCHULTZ, Inspection: I think carelessness, "horseplay," operating a machine without the proper instructions, not wearing safety glasses and shoes where needed, and the improper loading of material on bunks cause most accidents. If everyone would follow safety rules and see that their tools and equipment are in proper shape I think that would help reduce accidents.



CLARENCE WARD, Grinding Room: I think that the most common causes of accidents are dirty and congested working areas and being in too much of a hurry. They can be avoided by keeping working areas clean and work arranged so that there is plenty of working space. Take your time and figure out your next move before you make it.



Annual Family Night Will Be Held April 2

Get your tickets early for the annual Family Night to be held Friday evening, April 2, at the Bradley High School gymnasium, beginning at 7 o'clock. The principal objectives of Family Night is that everyone have fun, while at the same time adding dollars to the Welfare Fund.

Plans have been formulated for the annual basketball games between an office girls' team from the general office, as well as the customary men's game between a team from the office and one from the plant.

The girls' game is scheduled to get under way at 7 o'clock and the two participating teams are: Grimes' Whiz Kids (defending champions): Lila Claire, Mary Coffman, Nancy Ziegler, Mary Montague, Anne Pahnke, Sue Wilhoyt, Doris Nusbaum, Mary Diacos and Joanne Demarah.

Coffman's Hot Shots: Cecilia Seemark, Doris Kinney, Mary Marcotte, Ruth Braun, Betty Skinner, Kathy Schraffsma, Margie Braun and Bobby Hansen.

In a statement issued at press time by Mr. Grimes of the defending champions, he said: "This will be nothing more or less than another practice game for my team." Mr. Coffman's only comment was, "Don't forget to remind the readers that after April 2 my team will be referred to as the new champs."

The half-time entertainment will, as usual, be a grand surprise to everyone.

Tickets for the event can be obtained from your Union committeeman, your departmental steward, your immediate supervisor, or the Personnel Department. Your donation will be appreciated by the Welfare Committee, and you are assured that it will be distributed to worthy causes during the year.

Everyone should get their tickets early and plan on a full evening of laughs and fun for the whole family. Let's make this year's Family Night the biggest yet.

Seven Inspectors Complete I.C.S. Lesson Series

Less than a year ago, all of the inspectors started on a series of lessons selected and furnished by management to improve the quality of the inspection force. The lessons come through the International Correspondence School, and the requirement placed upon the inspectors are ten lessons, in order to become a fully qualified Special Assignment Inspector and six lessons for all inspectors under this classification, but with the privilege of taking advanced lessons, if they wish.

To date, the following seven inspectors have completed their original assigned lessons:

Special Assignment: Ray Wilson and Forrest Light.

Grade A Inspectors: James Leitzman and Carl Hubbard.

Grade B Inspectors: Lawrence Harris, Richard Legris and George Legris.

Of the remainder, 90 per cent are nearing completion of their final lesson, and four of those who have completed their original lesson are now taking advanced lessons.

A check of the grades received on the total lessons completed reveal 70 per cent are A's, 22 per cent are B's, and only 8 per cent are C's, which indicates the men's interest and efforts run high in following through on improving

DB PROFIT SHARING VALUED AT \$3,965,715

Based on a year-end market value of \$62 per share for Sears stock and on other miscellaneous investments, the 659 David Bradley members of the Savings and Profit Sharing Pension Fund of Sears, Roebuck and Company had a credit in the fund of 49,794 shares of stock, plus a cash balance of \$878,487.32, as of December 31, 1953. The total investment was worth \$3,965,715.

Now in its 38th year, the Sears Savings and Profit Sharing Pension fund was created by the Company to encourage thrift among its employees, to permit them to share in the Company's profits, and to assist them in creating a financial reserve to help provide for their eventual retirement.

All regular employees are eligible to join the fund after one year of service with the company. Employee members deposit five per cent of their wages and salaries up to a \$500 maximum into the fund each year. Sears annual contribution into the fund is based on an established percentage of its net profit, before taxes. This sum is credited to employee members on the basis of their length of service and annual contribution.

Of the 659 David Bradley employee members at the end of the year, they were divided into the following groups:

- Group A . . . 169 Members
- Group B . . . 165 Members
- Group C . . . 268 Members
- Group D . . . 57 Members

Group A represents employees with from one to five years of service, Group B five to ten years, Group C ten or more years of service, and Group D 15 years of service and over.

It is of interest to note the parent reports that the total current assets of the fund now exceed \$500,000,000, based on a year-end market value of \$62 per share. Of this amount, \$84,000,000 represents deposits from the wages and salaries of the 120,000 employee members.

The Fund now owns 26 per cent of Sears stock, making it the company's largest stockholder.

Death Takes Mrs. Doris Cross of Personnel Dept.

Everyone at David Bradley was deeply saddened by the untimely death of one of our most liked and respected employees, Doris Cross, of the Personnel Department.

Mrs. Cross came to David Bradley on January 9, 1952, and first worked in the Accounting Department, where she received high recognition for her proficiency and made many friends. She transferred to Timekeeping to accept work on the second shift, which enabled her to be with her little son during the day, while her husband was at work. With the insecurity of second shift work, she transferred to the Personnel Department. In this position, her pleasing personality and proficiency was soon recognized, and her death creates a vacancy which is sorely felt.

Surviving Mrs. Cross are her husband, Gordon; her son, Michael; her mother, five brothers and four sisters. A sister, Vera Adams, is employed in the Accounting Department.

We all join in offering sincere sympathy to the family of this deeply loved employee.

the quality of the total inspection force.

In order to qualify for the Inspection Department, it is required that you pass two tests before entering. Special Assignment and Grade A Inspectors are required to pass another requirement test, but all inspectors below this level are only required to complete the six required lessons.

The Inspection Department is proud of their accomplishments, as it should be, and all of David Bradley is proud, too.

Doran Is Named Assistant to General Manager

Vern Doran has been made Assistant to the General Manager on special assignment. He leaves the



position of Sales Manager, to which he was appointed about a year ago and the move represents another step in the continuous advance Mr. Doran has made during his 29 years at David Bradley.

Coming to David Bradley on May 2, 1925, as a timekeeper, Mr. Doran has held the following positions: He became a production clerk in 1926 and remained with Production Control until 1940, at which time he moved to Merchandise Control on following up orders. In 1943, he was promoted to Supervisor of Merchandise, which led to the position of Merchandise Manager. On April 4, 1953, he was appointed Sales Manager, filling that job until his present appointment.

Vern is well known by plant and office employees because of his long service, and his never-ending desire to promote the best interests of David Bradley and its products. Congratulations, Vern!

Ask Employees' Help in Keeping Time Records

The Timekeeping Department has reported that many employees are either punching out earlier than the end of their normal shift or punching in after the beginning of their normal shift. This situation is improper, as the work day at David Bradley is eight hours and it is expected that each employee will work his or her full shift.

The Company is required by law to keep an accurate record of hours worked by each employee. Your time card is this record, and it is expected that each employee will use it properly.

Unless the practice of punching in late or quitting early is halted, the Timekeeping Department will have no alternative but to dock the employee for time not worked. Employees punching in late or leaving early may be docked at least one-tenth of an hour or more for each occurrence.

All employees, therefore, are requested to pay particular attention to both their starting time and quitting time, so that no penalty will be assessed.

"THANK YOU" NOTE

I wish to take this means of expressing my sincere appreciation for the gift presented to me at my nuptial shower and to thank the girls on the committee for their efforts in making the occasion one of the happiest of my life.—Beverly (Trudeau) Stokes.

The automobile is the answer to that everlasting yearning to be some place other than where we are.

Friday the 13th Was Lucky Day For 'Old-Timer' Leo Richard

Friday, April 13, 1932, was anything but an unlucky day for "Old-Timer" Leo Richard, as that is the day his friend, Martin Dooley, talked him into leaving construction work to join David Bradley.

Despite Leo's long service here, he is one "Old-Timer" who very few persons at David Bradley see about the plant, as he works at night and has during most of the time since 1941. He arrives at 10:30 p.m. and works with the crew on re-bricking the cupola in the Foundry, which is rebuilt at the bottom each time it is used. Therefore, this good-natured, dependable employee does his work during the night, so that others may do theirs on the day shift.

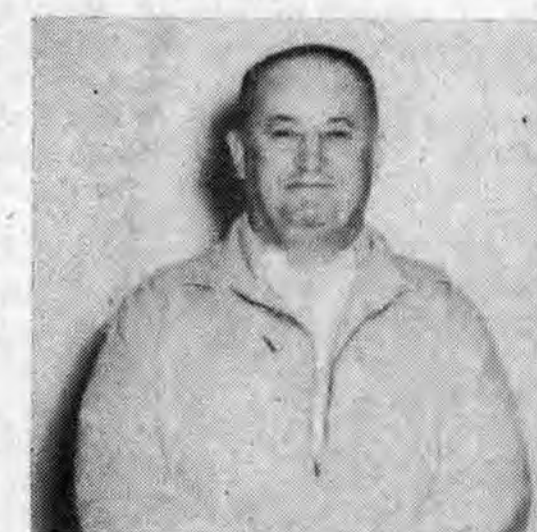
During his first nine and a half years at David Bradley, Leo spent in the Forge Shop, before transferring to Maintenance as a bricklayer's helper. In a short time, he worked up to a rating of first class bricklayer, and has held this through the years.

Leo was born May 31, 1904, in Kankakee and has always made his home here. Today, the Richards own their home at 1018 South Fifth Avenue, and Leo says the welcome mat is always out as a special greeting to David Bradley folks.

On June 27, 1925, Leo married Ethel Williams, a local girl, and they have two daughters, who are now married and have families of their own. Elaine, whose husband, Wess Mattocks, formerly worked at David Bradley, has two sons. Phyllis (Mrs. Victor Boles), the other daughter, also has two sons. Grandpa Richard sort of beams when he talks about those grandchildren.

Asked for a statement on employe benefits, Leo remarked: "A man is foolish if he doesn't belong to all the benefit programs, and especially our wonderful Profit Sharing Plan. I question how a man could put away any savings today without it."

We salute this quiet, dependable man as our "Old-Timer of the Month."



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Series E Bonds May Be Held Another Ten Years

Series E United States Savings Bonds can be held for another ten years after maturity, according to Roy Tuchbreiter, Illinois State Chairman of the Treasury, Savings Bonds Division, who reminds bond holders who have bonds maturing in the year 1954 that these bonds need not be cashed and they will continue to draw interest at a rate of 3 per cent, compounded semi-annually, if held for another ten years.

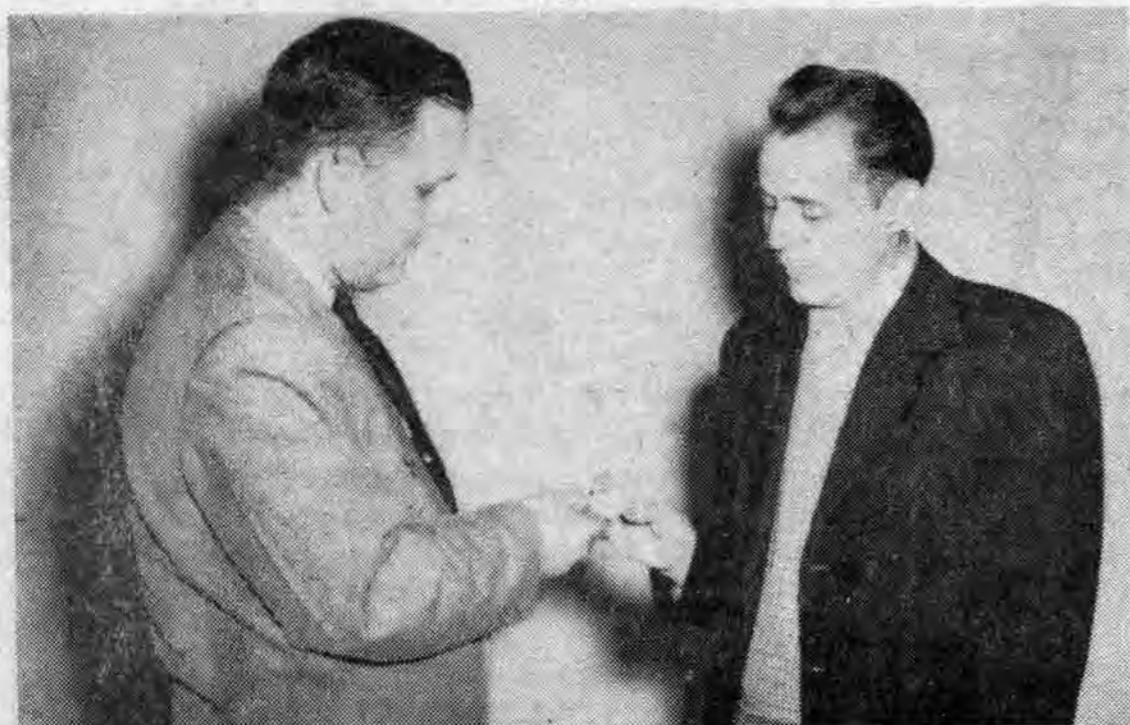
Awarded Sears Service Pins



Frank Nottke (center) is shown receiving his 20-year service pin and congratulations from Dr. King, with Harry Grumish (left) looking on at the recently held proceedings. Mr. Nottke spent 19 years in the Forge Shop before accepting supervision in the 75 mm. shell production last July. When the shell line closed, Mr. Nottke was transferred to the Chrome Plating Department, where he is second shift Supervisor.



Congratulations and a service pin are being offered to Van Davis by Dr. King on the occasion of the former's 20th year with David Bradley. At right is Harold Randolph, Van's Supervisor. Mr. Davis' first 19 years at David Bradley were spent in the Foundry, except for a three and one-half year break in the Army Engineers during World War II. About a year ago, Van transferred to the 75 mm. shell area and from there to his present job on the Furniture Line.



Roland Schlemmer (Supervisor) presents Samuel Coffman with his 15-year service pin. All of Sam's service has been in the Stores and Service Department. At present he is a Service Parts Control Clerk. His service at David Bradley was broken during World War II, when he spent four years and nine months in the Army.

New Automatic Gear Hobber In Operation

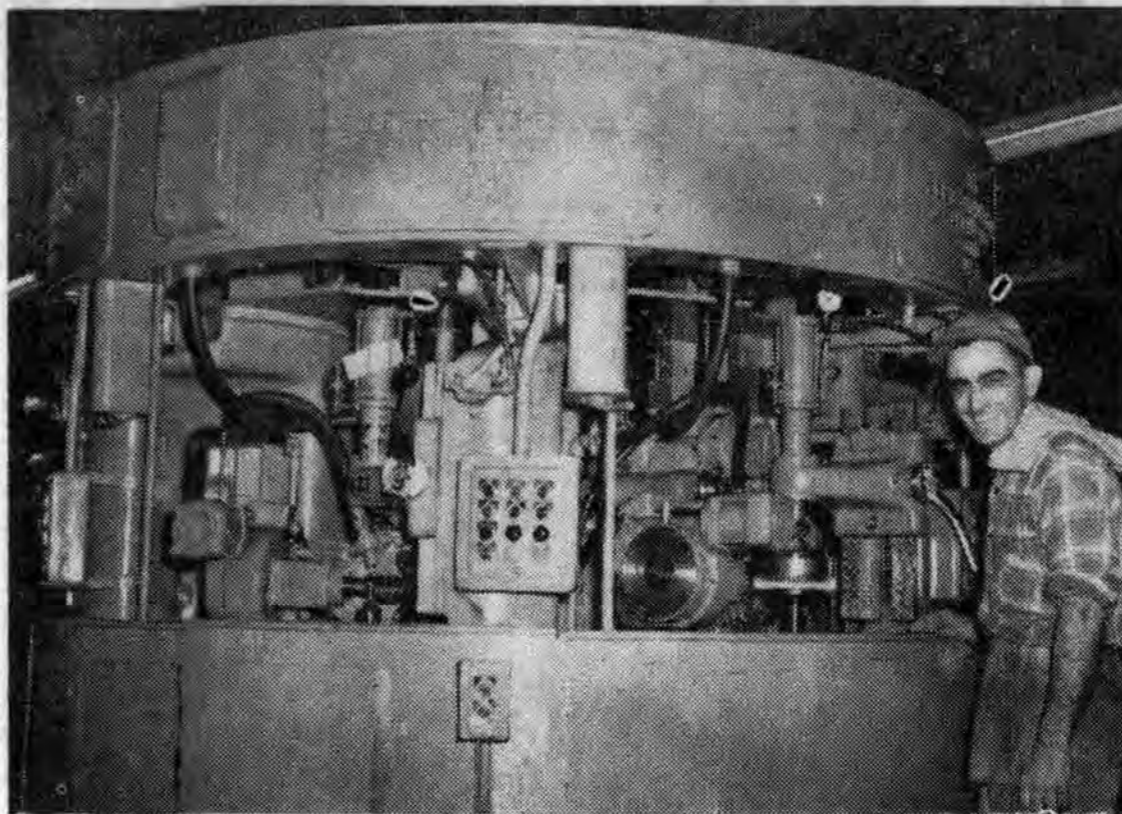
The men in the Machine Shop are highly elated over the fine work being turned out by their new six-spindle automatic gear hobber.

The machine was purchased for the purpose of making our own gear case and transmission gears for the new Tri-Trac tractor, but other gears and splines have also worked into the schedule. Plans for going into production on the transmission for the small garden tractor are in the future.

Not only does this machine amaze you with the rapidity of its production of gears, but also upon the versatility of being able to cut six different gears at the same time.

The total operating mechanism of six spindles rotates clockwise, allowing the operator to remain in one position to load and unload the spindles. Thirty-one electric motors are required to operate the machine at capacity. Five motors are necessary for each spindle and one motor rotates the total operating mechanism. The machine has full automatic lubrication and the tool coolant system

Gear Hobber Installed in Machine Shop



New six-spindle automatic gear hobber recently installed in the machine shop. The smiling operator is Al Guenette.

requires 160 gallons of lubricant.

The machine is adapted to only spur and helical gears and can handle blanks to cut gears up to eight inches in diameter. The arbors on the spindles can handle two or more blanks, depending upon the thickness of the gear and thereby increase production. The machine itself cost \$72,000,

but accessories necessary to complete the operation on the gears and gear case brought the complete monetary outlay up to \$120,000. No wonder the Machine Shop boys are proud of their equipment. Such purchases by management are designed to make possible for more work to come to the David Bradley employees.

Sears Purchases Site for Store at Lima, Peru

Sears has purchased a site in a suburb of Lima, Peru, for the first Sears retail store in that South American country. General Robert E. Wood, chairman of the board of directors, said construction of the new unit will begin in a few months. Opening is scheduled for mid-1955.

The new unit will be a large department store with modern shopping conveniences, including parking facilities.

General Wood said Sears would establish a subsidiary company—Sears, Roebuck de Peru—to operate the Peruvian venture.

Sears will have retail units in six foreign countries with the opening of its first store in Peru. Twenty-four stores now are being

operated abroad, including seven in Mexico, six each in Cuba and Venezuela, three in Brazil and two in Colombia.

EXPRESS APPRECIATION

We wish to take this means to gratefully acknowledge and thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy.

—Gordon Cross and Little Mike

The true test of civilization is not the census nor the size of cities, nor the crops—no, but the kind of man the country turns out.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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With but a few exceptions, no other living thing is so anxious to please as a middle-aged woman with a new husband.



Listen Americans!

By **GEORGE S. BENSON**
President of Harding College

Some influential people today are saying that "the American way of life" is an abstract term, that our political and economic system is "too complicated for anyone to define." In my opinion they are either not thinking straight or they are deliberately seeking to lead Americans away from the basic principles of our system.

The more clearly our citizens can define our system, the more certain we are that its fundamental elements will survive. Last week, a dramatic definition was given by a member of the Freedom Forum workshop staff to our high school assembly.

Working with simulated granite blocks, he built, on the stage, "The Structure of the American Way of Life." The big gray foundation stone, five feet across and 12 inches thick, bore the chiseled inscription: "A Fundamental Belief in God." On this, the speaker placed another great stone, a little smaller in dimension, on which was inscribed: "The United States Constitution—Designed to Serve the People."

On the left side of this foundation, he began to build the column of "political rights," a thick granite slab for each: "Right to Worship, Right to Free Speech, Right to Assemble, Right to Petition, Right to Privacy, Right to Habeas Corpus, Right to Trial by Jury, Right to Move About Freely, Right to Vote Freely." With each stone, the speaker pointed up the significance of the right it contained.

Then the speaker built a twin column of "economic rights": "Right to Own Property, Right to Choice of Work, Right to Bargain Collectively, Right to Go Into Business, Right to Opportunity, Right to Make a Profit, Right to Save, Right to Compete, Right to

Contract." Across the two columns he placed a binding stone inscribed: "Protected by our Law."

"Government agencies administer the laws which protect these political and economic rights," he explained. Then he placed the beautiful capstone on his pyramid-like structure. In the granite-like face of the stone was inscribed: "The American Way of Life," and just below this, "Our Freedom." In the center of the capstone, he thrust the American flag. Then he stepped back. The high school student body gave resounding applause.

This is a good way to define the American way of life to school youngsters of our nation. And the definition it contains should be acceptable to all Americans of all ages.

Tri-Trac Display Caravan Ends Second Tour

The Tri-Trac display caravan, used on public demonstrations designed to stimulate sales of the tractor, has completed its second tour. Demonstrations were given at Dallas, Tex., Topeka, Kas., Alton, Ill., Canton, O., Erie, Penn., Watertown, N.Y., Burlington, Vt., and Springfield, Mass.

Our factory sales representative, Clinton Clement, who served and displayed the equipment on the trip, reports that it was quite successful. Enthusiasm and interest was developed in the sales and service meeting for stores in the area mentioned above.



SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

TEN YEARS

Harry Ricketts, Sr., February 21, 1944.

Everett Reed, February 28, 1944.

Frank Harter, March 3, 1944.

Leonard Gereaux, March 4, 1944.

Gabriel Legris, March 4, 1944.

Lewis Hansen, March 9, 1944.

Vincent Webster, March 13, 1944.

Willard Wilhoit, March 14, 1944.

William Mitchell, March 16, 1944.

Wesley Nourie, March 20, 1944.

Edmond Schoenfelder, March 21, 1944.

FIFTEEN YEARS

Samuel Coffman, March 4, 1939.

TWENTY YEARS

Van Davis, February 21, 1934.

Frank Nottke, March 6, 1934.

TRADING POST

FOR SALE—9x12 fiber rug, dawn gray, used only six months, \$8. See Lois Schuller, Service Parts.

FOR SALE—Storm windows and screens. One 20x47½ (16x20), one 28x35 (14x24), two 24x47½ (20x20), six 28x55¼ (24x24). Last item 2 additional screens, all 11 years old, with hardware. Claude Barrone, call 3-8437.

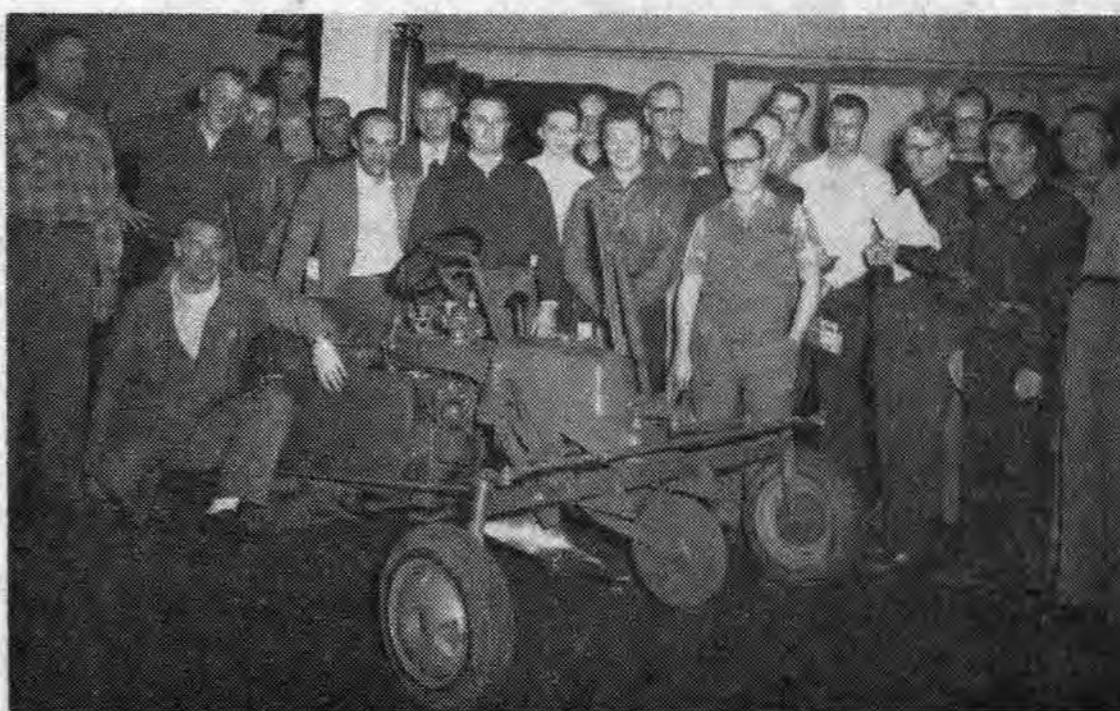
FOR SALE: '47 Frazer Manhattan, \$195 cash. Original owner. Actual mileage 49,875; new Auto-Lite battery; Goodyear Lifeguard tires and tubes; interior in excellent condition and in excellent condition mechanically. Contact Roy LaMontagne, Dept. 27, or call 3-7128.

FOR SALE—Conical type television antenna with 20 feet of pipe on a telephone pole. Will sell any way you want it. See Fritz Cortese. Phone 2-2818.

FOR SALE—Five-room house, close to shops and school. See Elmer Meyers, Machine Shop, or phone 3-5670.

WANTED—Used piano. Contact Louise Worby, Personnel, or phone 3-6881 after 5 p.m.

Tri-Trac Service School Conducted Here



Above photo was taken during a service school conducted at David Bradley by Lee Eastman and Chuck Thompson of Dept. 632, Chicago, on February 24 and 25, for the service men of the Mid-West territory. This particular group is composed of traveling service men from Minneapolis, Kansas City and Chicago. The principal objective of the course was to better acquaint the men with the new Tri-Trac.

Jibes, Jests and Facts About Folks You Know

Assembly Nuts & Bolts

By ROY ERICKSON

Elmer Taylor has been off for a few days with a leg injury.

Alfred Dionne is still beaming with pride over the arrival of a baby girl at his home. Congratulations, Al! He felt so good about it he took off at 1:30 p.m. to pick up his daughter.

Don Blanchette is getting better looking every day, with his around-the-face beard. A recent visitor going through the plant asked if there was an Amish settlement near.

Elvin Robinson (Alabama) is back with us.

Roy Erickson (your reporter) is going to buy his wife an Easter bonnet with the money he won in the basketball pool in the department.

Speaking of pools, everyone is talking about taking swimming lessons in Ken Cote's pool. The recent rain flooded his basement and he's thinking of commercializing on it.

Some days it doesn't pay to try, is the belief of John Kisiel after an experience on the day of the big rain last week. John's car wouldn't start, so John O'Gorek gave him a push for about three miles. Still it wouldn't start, so Kisiel agreed that O'Gorek should go home and he would dry off the motor himself. After wiping off all wires, plugs, etc., he tried the motor and it started. However, he hadn't had a chance to put the hood down when a passing car splashed water from a nearby puddle on the motor and drowned it out again. Kisiel is wondering if a submarine motor would work in his car.

Orval Hansen has been on sick leave for several weeks. Hurry and get rid of that bug, Orval! We miss you!

Stanley Stankewicz and David Walters and wives attended the Mardi Gras this year. A good time was reportedly had by all, but they returned in the worst snow storm of the year.

Our sympathy to Frank Hardesty in the loss of his granddaughter.

The Dave Walters family is ready to move to their new home. Last report was that they couldn't because of high water. Hope you could make it over the last weekend.

Experimental Dirt

By HARRY GILBERT

We have for this month just a short story about a short character, who we will call "My Friend Freddy."

Fred Cross, as you know him, is quite a talker, and a very good worker, was born March 10, 1919, in Aroma Park Township, about three miles west of St. Anne, Ill. Freddy is one of our home boys, the oldest son of John and Maude Cross. Soon after he was born, his parents moved to Kankakee, where he attended grade school his first three years. Then the family moved back to the farm west of St. Anne, where Freddy finished his education in a one-room country school.

After completing his grade school education, Fred quit school to help his father on the farm and remained there until he was grown up (or about so), and there is where he started courting the ladies.

One evening while roller skating in Watseka, our lady-killer spied a very cute little "dish" by the name of Veronica Via and there and then a new romance started that Freddy never let cool off. He was all set to marry her when Uncle Sam sent him one of those greetings and salutations letters, which interfered with the wedding date.

Freddy left the farm and came to David Bradley on May 10, 1941. Later he postponed the wedding and left for service on June 3, 1942, where he served in the United States and overseas with the Sixth Air Force as a mechanic until November 25, 1945.

While in the service our Mr. Cross got a few days' furlough and while home he warmed up that romance again. So, on July 6, 1943, Freddy took that cute

little "dish" he had found skating for keeps. Mr. and Mrs. Cross have two very pretty little girls, one seven and the other four. Early in 1946, Fred came back to Bradley to work, where he still remains.

Our hero lives in Aroma Park in Rigg's Grove, just between the Iroquois River and the Kankakee River. He is a very good machinist and does very beautiful work. Thanks to the Air Force for teaching him a good trade.

As for hobbies, he has many—hunting, fishing and all outdoor sports—but one of his most useful hobbies is one of which very few are aware: The "hobby" of helping others. If for any reason a collection is taken up, Freddy is usually first; if anyone needs help, Freddy always says "I will go." Many are the times he has spent several nights in a row until early hours of the morning at the hospital with sick friends and always manages to be back to work the following morning.

Yes, folks, that is the side of our friend, Freddy, that very few people know about. So, as a very good talker, Fred is also a very good worker, and a very good friend whom we might all be proud to work with and know. So we salute you as our "Man of the Month"—our friend, Freddy.

We are sorry to report that our little boy, Oscar Lanoue, is spending the week at least at St. Mary hospital, with a very lame knee, but it won't be so bad for him, as he will enjoy those beautiful nurses.

While Oscar was away someone had to take his place, so the job fell to Merritt Rantz, who has been working on furniture for some time and, while finishing up a small metal tank that Oscar had started, someone said he was trying to weld chair legs on the thing.

Ronald Joubert has been making racks to hang clothes on, which we all made a lot of fun of as being almost too weak to support themselves, but we were very much surprised when our engineer, Mr. Koehle, really put on a trapeze performance. We were surprised twice, because at first we didn't think the contraption would stand the strain, and again to see that Uncle Willie was much younger than he looks. Now take a tip from your scribe and don't laugh at Bill's furniture, because we know it really can take it.

Tool Room Scoops

By LOUISE BERGMAN

Now that Spring is officially here, and everybody is working in their yards, and a few of our boys who are fishermen are getting their motors and boats in shape, isn't it a wonderful feeling? Oh, hum, Spring fever.

Glad to see Joe Gustin back in the shop. It was a tough grind, but you made it, and besides, look what you accomplished, Joe. You got enough stones now to fill your driveway.

We had two good Irishmen who didn't let ol' St. Patrick down. They were Roy Rathman and Joe Wieliszko, who sported green ties.

Louis Enrietta really did do it—finally bought a TV. Claims he's feeling a lot better now. No aches anywhere since he's been watching some of those good all-girl programs.

Did anyone notice how rested Frank looked last Monday? Had his first two-day week-end in months.

Just in case any of us get down and out, we won't have to worry. Our friends, Don and Joe, have new home freezers, filled to the top.

Little Eddie Strickland was called back to his home department. Hated to see you go, Eddie, but of course we were happy to get our old faithful Pat Vaughn back again.

Marvin Kraft is home nursing a bad back. We think he may be shining up that fishing equipment on the side. All kidding aside, "Dutch," hurry back. We miss your smiling face.

Roy Rathman's buttons were popping last week. He was presented with a big granddaughter. Congratulations, Roy!

Poor Earl Rauhen can't quite decide to give up his permanent

choppers or buy "falsies." Better keep your own as long as possible, Earl.

If anyone needs any slips or extra plants this Spring, our boy, Al Ponikvar, is the green thumb boy from this department.

Poem

We got a bachelor in Tool and Die Who has a merry twinkle in his eye.

Can't understand why this little guy, Our Willie Lemke, is so "altar shy."

Maintenance Musings

By EVERETT MULLIGAN

Eddie Strickland is back after a vacation in Tool and Die Room welding for a few weeks, while we had the loan of Pat Vaughan for some pipe welding.

Quite a bit of space has been found in the basement storage area that has not been discovered for a number of years during our Spring clean-up.

Soon the people in the front office won't have to bring their umbrellas to their desk, as the new roof is about completed. Also, there will be a sale of used buckets that formerly caught the drips.

The Department 81 Hot Rod Tractor has been overhauled and painted red by the Maintenance Department. Only thing lacking is a siren for this speedy rocket.

Anyone having any ducks or geese to dress, just contact Paul Stevenson, champion duck-picker.

Foundry Castings

By HOWARD STROM

Raymond McNash has returned to the Foundry from military leave. Sure good to see you back, Ray, and bet you are glad to be back. No place like home!

Dallas Laramore has left us to drive a "mule" for Bud Hays on Central Trucking. Guess all young men like to get around. No kidding, Dallas had to move on his M.D.'s orders.

Congratulations to Ray McNash on the arrival of a new baby girl. Al Schultz, who recently went to surgery, is doing fine and will be back to work soon. He has been in to see us a few times while he was recuperating.

Raymond "Sandy" Howard was a grandpa for the first time last week. Seems the first grandchild is as bad on some people as the first child. He came to work without his wallet. Maybe the next one won't be so hard on you, "Sandy."

Seems we are having a dispute about Spring. Cox comes to work bareheaded and Russ Durand continues to wear his wool shirt.

The Bradley High School basketball rooters have finally given up getting their team to the state tournament, now that the tourney is over.

Have you noticed how heavy Art Denton is getting, now that he is taking vitamins.

Tony Berns lost a week's work last month after a tonsillectomy. Tony hasn't said a word since!

Charles Benjamin is looking for a new job already, although he still has a month to go before finishing his present assignment.

Anyone wishing to make a bet on anything, any time, just contact Eldon Gierke.

Tips from SWICR

By JESSIE BROUILLETTE

Donald Schott has returned from Chrome Plating for Tony's department on recall. Glad you're back, Don.

The increased load in Receiving has called for an increase in the force. New members are "Skip" Middleton and Jimmy Billadeau (formerly of Material Control in Office). Glad to see you back, Jimmy! Jimmy has been on sick leave for six months.

John Marshall is also back from layoff. Hi, John!

Your reporter is ready to start house cleaning. When are the painters available?

Bill Korstick won two pools on the state basketball tourney.

Earl Coulombe from C.M.C. is

still on sick leave. Hurry and get well, Earl!

Will someone advise Clarence Lagrow of a good hospital plan.

C.M.C. has released four more men since last issue. Frank Coyne went to Bud Hays, and Harold Wilkins, Gerald Allie and Fritz Cortese went to the Machine Shop.

The boys are all wondering why Loren DuMais of Inspection isn't wearing his glasses any more.

Word about Lucille Alwine has it that her operation at Mayo clinic was successful and that in six months she will be as good as new.

During Joe Giusti's recent illness, Bill Mullett, took over. Word has it that Bill was about to fire some men, but Joe's return saved their necks.

C.M.C. has their departmental "mule" back after a major repair job by Maintenance. Walt Bishop says it runs like a Cadillac.

Forest Light of Inspection is still recuperating from recent surgery. Sorry, we forgot to send you a card while you were hospitalized, Forrest. Well, hurry and get well, boy!

James Hazzard recently brought in a Spring catalog on farms for sale in the State of Missouri. From the looks of the catalog, the whole state of Missouri is for sale. Everyone in the department interested. Maybe some more sun-down farmers for future sales of the Tri-Tracs.

Bill Mullett is open for suggestions for names for a horse. It seems Bill is trying to win a race horse through a naming contest. Hope you win, Bill, then the boys in the plant will have another one to bet on.

Well, it happened again. Fritz Cortese had a repairman at his house three times to repair his television set, before they discovered it was a poor connection in the drop cord.

Office Chatter

By RUTH ARRINGTON

Men bowlers, take notice! We have a woman champion bowler here at David Bradley. Cecilia Seamark of the Cost Department rolled high singles in the woman's city tournament, affiliated with the I.B.A. She knocked down 539 pins and, with her handicap, had a total of 626 for three games. She, along with her twin sister, Sylvia Sippel, were interviewed by Stan Ronald, a WKAN staff announcer. They won the doubles handicap crown in the woman's KVBA tourney last year. Watch your WKAN program listings, as Cecilia is to be interviewed again concerning her new crown. She was awarded \$25 and a trophy.

Lila Claire really likes meat for her lunch. Some time ago she opened her lunch and discovered she had put in a package of cold meat, instead of her sandwiches.

Nick Gineris attended the finals of the state basketball tournament at Champaign.

Ruth Braun of Tabulating and Evelyn Neckopulos of Warehouse Control are proudly showing their new diamonds. Ruth was up in the clouds for a week. Give her time and she will be down to earth again. Evelyn is probably suffering the usual symptoms, but she will also recover in the near future.

Don Billadeau and Joe Gustin are back with us again—good as new!

We are glad to report that Renetta Dayton's mother, Mrs. Toma, and Connie Kourbetis' father are much improved. They have suffered from a heart condition for some time. Ernie Brown of Time-keeping says that his father is much improved after being in an oxygen tent, suffering from a severe attack of asthma.

Nick Gineris, noted basketball star, referee and fan, looked like his old self on March 24. A bird flew into the office on the first floor and created quite a commotion. Nick took after the poor, frightened bird with a waste basket. You guessed it—Nick "got the bird."

To all square dancers: Ivis Brenneisen is on the centennial committee at Chebanse. She is looking for couples for the contest, which will be held during the celebration, July 3-4-5.

Eileen Kennedy is a new em-

ployee in Warehouse Control. Welcome, Eileen. We sure like your accent, even though you picked it up in southern Illinois. We extend a hearty welcome to Pat Blanchette, who is back with us again. She is working for Roger Beckman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meyer are the proud parents of a daughter, Carolyn, born on March 24. Ed was rather nervous while infanticipating (coined by Chelsea), but he is back to normal at last. Congratulations, folks!

Jim Gately said he was going to beat Meyer in the stork race. Well, he didn't. Tell you more about the Gatelys next issue.

Lucille Kelly is busy getting her new home in order. It is located in Sunnyside. Her daughter, Marilyn, will be back in Kankakee in May with her daughter, Jacquelin Kay. She will live in the home while her husband goes out on sea duty. Of course, needless to say, Lucille is anxiously awaiting the time when she will see her granddaughter for the first time.

Bob Patterson spent the week of March 15 to 19 at IBM school in Endicott, N.Y. He made the trip by plane. Says that he mixed a lot of business with a little pleasure and had a wonderful week.

Maynard Blanchette is getting his home all painted on the inside before he moves in. It is on McKinley Avenue in West Kankakee. Bob Vickery is also spending his evenings painting at home.

Doris Kinney spent a recent weekend at Normal University, Bloomington. She reports that women outnumber the males down there.

Maxine Bouchard was looking for a needle and thread the other day. Ask her what happened to her skirt.

Darlene Bilyeu of Material Control has transferred to Personnel. She will be secretary to LeRoy Hummel. We wish her lots of luck in her new position. Doris Kinney will replace her as secretary to Laverne Quade. We hope that Doris has lots of luck in her new assignment.

In a letter from Carl Ostrowski he said that he would be seeing a lot of baseball games for nothing this Summer. He is stationed at Ecourse, a city about eight miles from the heart of Detroit. Service men are admitted to Briggs stadium for free. Oh, how we baseball fans envy him! Of course the Sox fans, such as Tony Staniszeski and Gordon Wright, would certainly welcome such an opportunity to see their beloved team play for NOTHING!

Forgings

By LEN GEREAX

Spring is really here! Your reporter has already purchased his Summer haircut. Shaved it off clean, boys!

Harry Garland has been ill for about three weeks. Hurry back, Harry.

Emory Dionne, down with the "flu," also missed a few days.

Ezra Raymond has the carp fever. He hasn't been in too good a humor for a couple of weeks. Must be poor fishing.

Harry Crevier recently paid us a visit. Sure seemed natural for Harry to be around.

Have any of you received one of the chain letters on fishing plugs? Eddie Ciercyca advises you not to include Adam Potchebski on your list. He swears Adam sent him a used plug. For evidence, he is going to hang it by the time clock as an exhibit.

Machine Shop

By JERRY POWER

Myron Moody just can't drive a car unless it is full of dents. Take his new Buick—it has hit a telephone pole already!

You can sure tell Herschel Heimberger is from Chebanse.

Charles Pangle traded a Plymouth for an Oldsmobile—the result of advancement from a drill press to a lathe.

"Slim" Hanson recently lost his father-in-law. Our sympathy to the family.

Our Dog Breeders' Association is looking forward to winning all

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DAVID BRADLEY STRIKES, SPARES AND BALONEY

Highlights of February 16

First of all, let's name the individual winners for the evening. High individual game was Herb Blair's 235 and second high was Geistwhite's 223. High individual series for the evening was rolled by Jay Kerouac, who tallied a dandy 608 and just beat Blair out by the thickness of the chalk on the ball. The latter had 607! High team game for the evening was posted by the Core Room boys with 876. Maintenance was second with 872. High team series was captured by the Dispatching team with 2398, and finishing second was the Machine Shop crew with 2372.

The only team to sweep three games were the Dispatchers, as they downed the Foundry boys, who, by the way, have lost Bud Houde, a very good competitor. Dispatching recalled Benny Hunter from the farm and he again found the range. Herb Blair, with his 607 series, led his team to two wins over the Core Room boys. For the losing side, it was Goodman in the driver's seat with a 560 series.

The Shells were pressed all the way, but did manage to capture two games from the Experimental gang. Jay Kerouac did very good in keeping his team in the thick of the fight with games of 203, 202 and 203, but it just wasn't enough. Maintenance and Stores tangled and Charley Brinkman's boys captured two games. Cowboy DeMoure started off by blowing over 94 pins. His second game tired him out, as he came up with a neat 202. Mr. Potrzebski was high for the team with a 503 series. For Stores, it was just a bad night for all. On alleys 7 and 8 the TWTs and CMC squared off, with CMC winning two out of three. For the winners it was Mr. Power with top series of 520 and your scribe, with a 508, was on the losing side.

Highlights of February 23

This week proved very successful to three teams as they made a clean sweep for the evening. Charley Brinkman and crew took three from Reitmeier and his Shell gang, and Core Room won three from the Foundry lads. The TWT outfit won three games from Tony and gang.

Charley Brinkman led his team with a 570 series and was given much help by Potrzebski, who had 501. For the Shells it was Reitmeier with 521.

The Core Room was led by Menard with 486, with his boys close behind all the way. The Foundry boys, with their new man, Frankie McNash, just wasn't able to get rolling. The TWTs, in winning three over Tony, were spearheaded by Mathews' 511 series and Lloyd Veleker's 489. Lloyd, by the way, fired a very good second game of 206. Nice going, pal. Homer White came up with a neat 214 game. Tony had a 534 series and Ray Forbes started off with a 205 game, ending up with a 475 series.

The Machine Shop lads and CMC tangled, with the Machine Shop boys winning two games. Blair, with 586, led his team, and Emory Dionne, with 495, led his CMC boys.

Dispatching, with Ed Geistwhite missing a 600 series by one lousy pin, won two games from the Experimental gang. Geistwhite had great support, with Hunter posting a 501 series and Habedank a 503. Jay Kerouac still has his eye, as he came in with a 507 series.

High individual game and series went to Geistwhite with a 221 and 599, respectively. Dispatching won the high team game, posting 878, and the Machine Shop had high series with their 2433.

Highlights of March 2

At this series we had an "A" student in Bud Menard, as he made the honor roll with his fine 604 series. Bud had high game of 230, also. His effort helped his team to two games over the Shell gang. Hank Reitmeier had a 523 series as leader and Jim Goodman gave Menard some assistance by coming in with his 525 series.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
C.M.C.	51	36
T.W.T.	49	38
Machine Shop	49	38
Core Room	44½	42½
Dispatching	42	45
Stores	42	45
Foundry	41	46
Shells	40½	46½
Experimental	39	48
Maintenance	37	50

Herb Blair with second high game of 215 for the night and his 528 series wasn't quite enough, as the TWT, led by Curtis Karr's 512 series and Mathews' 466, won two games.

The Foundry boys finally broke their losing streak and set the Experimental gang down two games. Stores, led by Minnie Stanizeski's 535 series, managed to win two games from Ed Geistwhite and his Dispatchers. Reuben Habedank and Johnny Coffman posted identical series of 470 each. With Power's 512 and Dionne's 508 series, the CMC boys won two games from Charley Brinkman and gang.

High team game was won by Stores with an 842 and Habedank had identical scores in posting a very good 518 series. It was a great night for the Dispatchers as Geistwhite had high game of 224 and a series of 546. They also had high team game of 886 and high series of 2462. Beware, men, as the Dispatchers are turning out to be destroyers.

Highlights of March 9

TWT ran out of gas and energy and therefore lost all three games to the Foundry boys. Charley Brinkman with his 525 series led his team to two wins over the Machine crew. Herb Blair had a 544 series and Charley Fangle came up with a 539 total.

There is no joy in Mudville tonight. Tony Stanizeski and his boys picked up some ammunition and lowered the boom on the CMC boys to the tune of two games. Larry Power led his team with a 508 series. Tony had 541.

The Core Room boys, after packing up some steam the last few weeks, were cooled down by the Experimental gang and came up with but one game. That lad Jay Kerouac was again the leader as he came through with a 513 series, followed by Drazy with 490. For the Core Room it was Menard with 519. Eddie Goselin came in with a 218 game and won second high for the evening. The last round-up is beginning next week.

Highlights of March 16

We've started the last round-up of bowling which winds up the season and from all indications there will be some extremely interesting sessions coming up. The CMC boys rule the roost at present, but you never can tell what may happen in the last four weeks. At present they have a three-game lead over the TWT and Machine Shop lads.

Tonight's action found the CMC boys making a clean sweep of

Where Did This Business Go?

While recently storing some old desks from the office, John Salisbury found a number of file cards in one of the draws and, after an examination, turned them over to the editor.

On the cards were records of orders shipped to the following places: Trekker circulars shipped to P. Henwood, Son, Souther & Company, Durban, South Africa; and T. W. Beckett & Company, Pretoria, South Africa, on April 19, 1913. Shipped to M. M. Steyler & Company, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, 24 S.C. Steel Shares for Trekker 10-in.; 12 S.C. Steel Shares for G. Trekker 12-in.; 100 Cast Shares for Royal Blue 10-in.; 50 Crucible Steel Shares for Royal Flue 10-in. (shipped on May 15, 1913). Also repair parts for Royal Blue Plow were shipped to P. Henwood, Son, Souther and Company of Durban, South Africa, on June 6, 1913.

Upon investigation, it was discovered that years ago these foreign sales were a big business at David Bradley, and a separate and special assembly department was maintained for export shipments alone.

"Trekker" was the name of a three-bottom plow used in Africa for breaking and plowing sod and small bushland, and was usually pulled by from 14 to 20 oxen. The word "Trekker" in Dutch means something rugged, such as "Pioneer," and from this we gather that most of the plantation owners in South Africa were of Dutch descent. The shares for the G. Trekker were for the "Groot Trekker." The Royal Blue Plow was one of the standard plows converted for use in this foreign land.

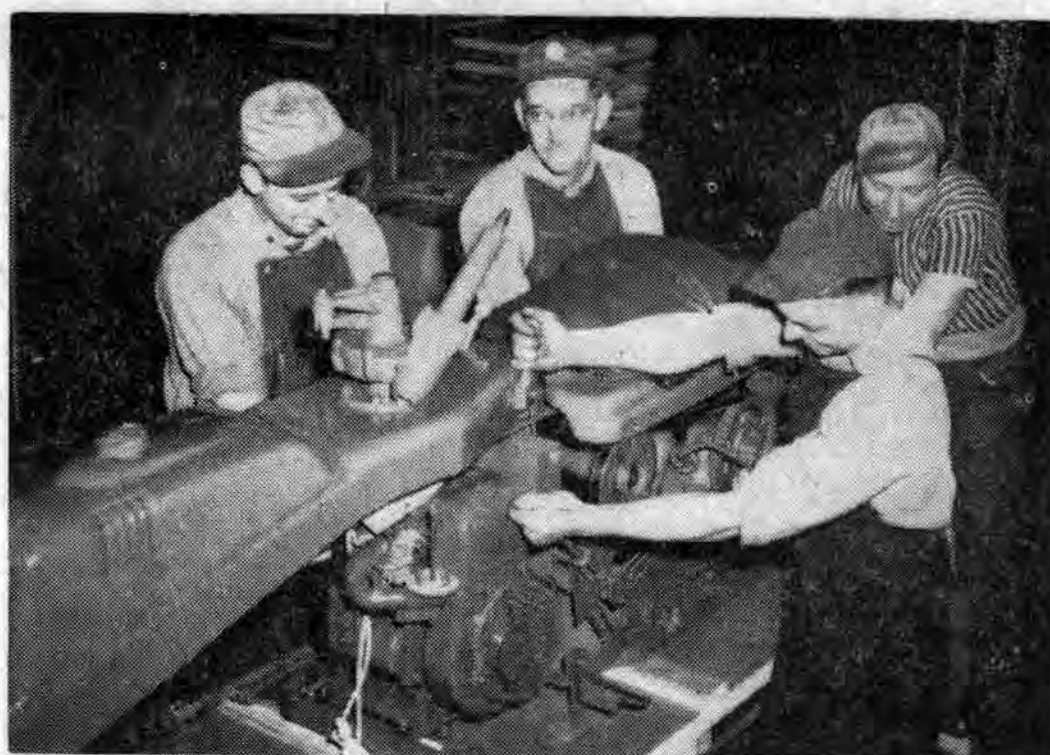
All of the levers, hitches, etc., of these export plows had to be heat treated, because of the hard usage they received in being used by natives and drawn by oxen. We are led to suspect that oxen are stubborn brutes: If the team suddenly decided to go and lie in the shade of a tree, they would do so, pulling the plow to one side, upsetting it or dragging it for several yards without anything to them.

Many old-timers in the plant remember about the time when export business kept them working at David Bradley. They probably will get a "kick" out of this article, but to the younger generation the question comes up, "What happened to this business?"

three games over the Experimental gang. The Foundry, with Eddie Strickland leading the way, won two games over the Shell gang. Reitmeier had a 516 series for the Shells.

Dispatching won two games from the Core Room boys. The Machine Shop, with Stankus and Blair rolling 531 and 575 series, respectively, downed the Stores squad two games. Tony had 523 for the losing team and Witthoft came up with high second individual game of 224 for the evening. The TWT, trying to keep pace with the leaders, managed to eke out two wins from Charley Brinkman and crew. High individual series for the night was rolled by Herb Blair with 575. Second high game and series was posted by Strickland with 265 and 545. High team game score was registered by the Stores with 833

Apply Finishing Touches to Tri-Trac



Here they are—the gang that handles the final assembly details and "packages" the Tri-Trac. Left to right, around the tractor, are Harold Wetmore, Al Krick, Stanley Stankewicz and Al Dionne.

FOLKS YOU KNOW . . .

(Continued from Preceding Page) of the blue ribbons at the national show next week. If they don't, they are pushing Al Barham back to vice-president and will make Wayne Diercouff president.

Andy Guenette promised Bon Burnley his false teeth on a trial basis if he had his teeth pulled. Now Bon has his pulled and Andy won't relinquish the teeth for a trial.

Benny Hunter is a first class detective and, if his good work continues, we will no doubt lose him to some first class agency. Larry Power is giving him some advanced lessons—another installment following next bowling night.

Harold Wilkins, Gerald Allie and Fritz Cortese have returned to the Machine Shop from C.M.C. since last issue.

Alex Kaplinski has tickets for the Kid Gavilan and Bobo Olson fight.

Both Walter Dionne and Frank Stutz became grandpas again last week. So proud you would think it was their first child!

A few warm days has brought the fever to Art Blanchette. Just drive through Beaverville and you'll see him practicing his casting.

Shirley Berns is with us as a supplier on a temporary basis.

Furniture Assembly

Russel Hubert is still beaming and CMC had top series with 2401.

Highlights of March 23

The pressure is on from now on out. Tonight there were two teams winning a game by one pin and the top team, CMC, lost one by a pin. There was even a tie game executed by Maintenance and the Core Room. The Foundry squeezed out two games from Larry Powers and his CMC boys. Wes Scott had a nice start for a triplicate with two games of 128, then spoiled it by getting 136. Tony had a very rough night with very good help from Ray Forbes and his 519 series, Witthoft with 520 and Bill Korstick with 507, and therefore won two games from the Shell crew.

Hank Reitmeier, finding his eye, had high individual game with 207 and top series of 601. Earl Miller, realizing that the golf season is near at hand, practiced getting in the rough by throwing two gutter balls in succession. Can't say you didn't get in the groove!

The Machine Shop gained a game on CMC by winning two games from the Experimental gang. One of their wins was by a single pin. TWT, in winning two games from Dispatching, kept pace with the Machine Shop and are only two games out of first.

Maintenance and the Core Room took it easy on each other as they won a game and a half each. This is the second time this year that Maintenance had split their series, winning one and a half games. High team game for the night was rolled by the Shells with 870 and Stores annexed high team series with 2394. Second high game was rolled by Eddie Strickland with 206 and Geistwhite had high series with 536.

We should have some very good matches coming up!

with pride over that new baby boy, Michael.

Art Pepin went to surgery on March 23. At this writing we have not had a complete report of the outcome.

It has been reported that nails are missing in the chair back assembly. We are not sure whether the nails are stolen or if the girls, while practicing to become true upholsterers, have swallowed them in their spitting practice.

Glenn Gilliatt recently sold a motor to Wally Dominick to be used on his lawn mower. We understand Glenn delivered the motor in a bucket. Now that Wally has started to re-assemble it, he is asking anyone having old motor parts to please contribute.

It is easy to see that Ross Brenneisen is the only man from Chebanse on the day shift. Your beard looks fine, Ross!

Harold Bastin, the chief fisherman in the department, has reported that the fish have quit biting again. Recently he has had pretty good luck.

Mary Jane Coffman and Bob Beasley are now in the Heat Seal cage. Some people may not know what we mean by the Heat Seal cage. Actually, the two Heat Seal machines are enclosed by a screen of copper wire. The reason for this is because of the fact that the machines operate on a high frequency similar to that used by television. So, unless these waves are trapped and grounded by the copper screen they cause interference on local television sets. Bob Beasley and family are moving to a house trailer. He is selling his furniture at an auction.

Charles DeLong has been complaining that Wally Dominick is working him too hard. Charlie is filling in for Art Pepin.

Robert Rothermel has a new girl friend. Her name is Margie and she lives in Kentland, Ind. They're going steady, too. He has already worn out one set of tires.

While delivering eight quarts of spaghetti sauce to his father-in-law's tavern recently, Earl Hardesty slipped and fell. Pow! Sauce all over. That's the reason he has been coming to work with a rosy complexion.

We will close with a question to Bill Mitchell. What happened to that main spring?

Cutting - In and Steel Stores

We have Toddy Coy and George Sage back with us after working in the Boiler Room for the Winter as firemen helpers. Good to have you back, boys!

We still are having a lot of visitors on the Yoder Tubing Mill. It seems the interest just doesn't die down on this amazing machine. Coy has converted from a quiet character into our good will ambassador.

The recent heavy rains sure gave Rube Habedank the chills. Seems his basement was flooded and drowned out his stoker, or maybe he is installing a swimming pool in his basement.

Ernest Bastin of Steel Stores is back after being off for several weeks. Good to see you, Ernest!

LaVern Greene, our inspector, has weakened and become engaged. So save up your pennies for the wedding present. Also, don't burn your old shoes.

The Steel Yard Hot Rod is back from the Maintenance Department.

SAFETY IN THE OFFICE—Avoid These Common Mistakes



Office accidents can be serious. Many are difficult to prevent without the cooperation of the individual. This means it's up to you to think and act safely at all times. Here are a few tips for your safety:—

- When you smoke, always use an ashtray. Never smoke when handling a lot of papers or working at file drawers.
- Don't tilt back on chairs or over-reach when sitting in them.
- Walk, do not run. Always look at all times where you are going.