

## VOX POP

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

Why are "Human Relations" important in industry?

**RAYMOND HAYES, Machine Shop:** In my estimation, "Human Relations" in industry are as necessary as timing and coordination in any competitive sport. Without good timing or judgment, we in industry could not perform our work as required. Without coordination or cooperation, we couldn't go about our daily task in the manner an American worker should.



**TONI LUSTIG, Accounting:** "Human Relations" are necessary in order to create a better understanding of the problems of an individual, not only those problems that pertain to his work, but also personal ones, for often times unsolved personal problems may interfere with an individual's efficiency at work.



**JOHN GRIMES, Production Scheduling:** "Human Relations" are necessary to industry to establish the sincere spirit of understanding, friendly cooperation and team work which are vital to any successful organization. With morale and friendly relations at a peak, each employee's task seems easier and the entire plant benefits by having a "happy atmosphere."



**PAUL JENSEN, Cutting Room:** I think "Human Relations" are necessary in industry because it creates friendship, gives a sense of satisfaction and makes a better place to work. It gives a worker the feeling he's a part of the industry and in turn makes him a more careful and conscientious workman.



**JOSEPH DOMINIAK, Supervisor:** The key to successful management lies chiefly in company policies, and in its dealings with the men and women it employs. To understand people is to know how to treat them so as to get the response and the results we want. Failure to understand the motives that make men work, their hopes and ambitions is responsible for most of the problems in industry.



**VAN DAVIS, Foundry:** As I interpret the question asked, there can be no doubt but that "Human Relations" are of great necessity in industry. When we read and hear of the way the working man is treated in foreign countries, we can appreciate the fact that we are American workers. The subject gives us the right of free speech, free enterprise and the freedom of religion.



## DB Golfers Will Begin League Play May 3

22 Two-Man Teams Will Seek Fame, 'Fortune' Each Wednesday

If there's a bit of dirt flying around in the backyards of many David Bradley personnel, it doesn't necessarily mean that they are hard at work in their gardens. There's a very good chance that an inspection will show that the man responsible for atomizing the terra firma may be one of our golfers, with mashie or wood in hand.

The reason for this sudden burst of enthusiasm on the part of the boys who follow the ball from tee to green is that the initial matches in the David Bradley Golf League are set for Wednesday of next week—May 3—at the Kankakee Valley Country Club.

The league this year will be composed of 22 two-man teams, and the handicapping will be arranged so that there will be a more equal distribution of prizes than previously. Golf balls will again be the inducement for low scores.

### Must Start By 5:15 P.M.

The rules call for play to begin not later than 5:15 p.m. and golfers are to sign up with the official starter as soon as their competition puts in an appearance. The schedule will be arranged so that all teams will play an equal number of games on both the front and back nines. This pattern will be followed out in order to give everyone an equal opportunity on some of the "rougher" holes and will also aid in eliminating the tiresome waiting before teeing off.

Further confusion at the first tee will be eliminated this year by paying weekly dues to Mr. Crawford in the Metallurgical Laboratory the day prior to playing. It goes without saying, of course, that all golfers should check the playing schedules beforehand, work out their "battle" strategy, and come to an agreement with their opponents as to tee-off time. Then be sure to be on hand when that time comes. Copies of the league teams and playing schedules will be posted on the bulletin boards in the Main Office and the Personnel Office.

Nine new faces will make their appearance on the course this year. They are Ernie Hood, Don Petko, Homer White, Rudy Koehle, Damon Wheeler, Robert Scelze, Floyd Simerson, Mark Larimer and Mike Car.

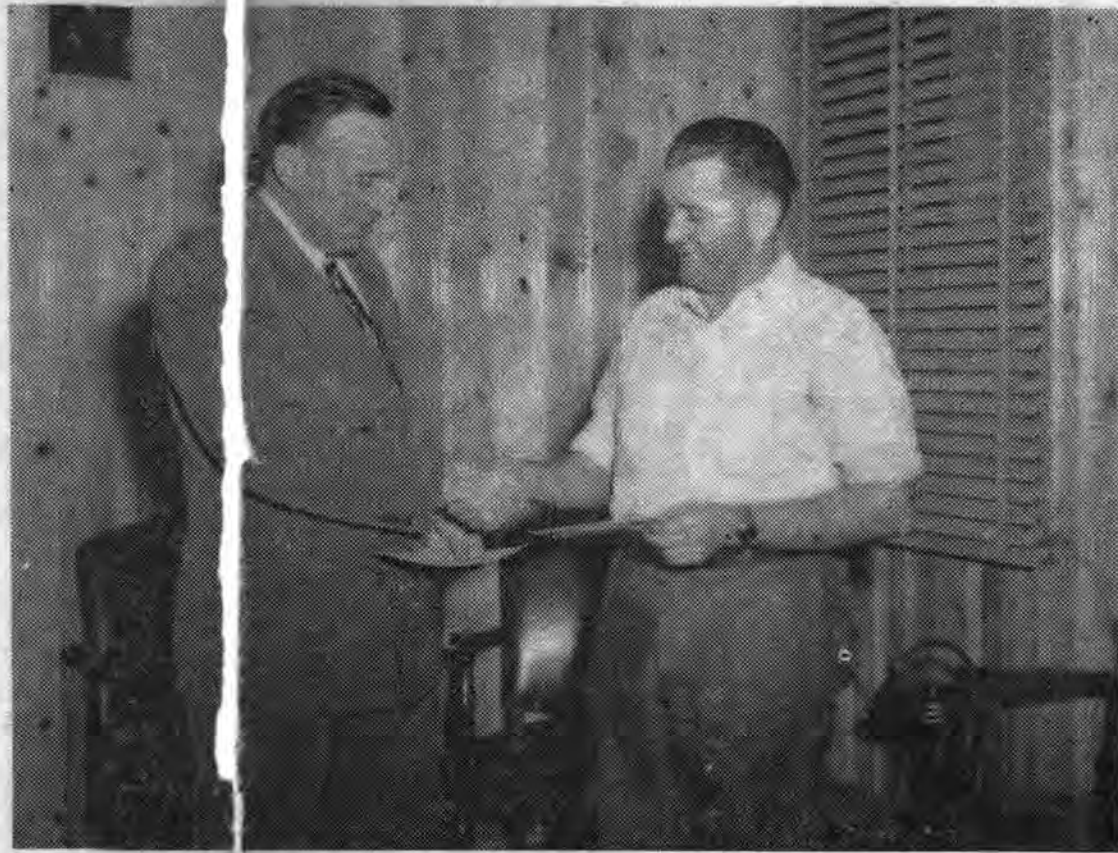
A number of "extracurricular" activities are planned for this season. Among them are plans for meeting golf teams from other local industrial plants, and to have an outing on a Saturday at another golf course. The 19th hole session, every fourth week, will be continued as in past years.

Another added feature this season will be the awarding of an appropriate trophy to the best golfer in the factory proper, to be determined on a total handicap basis. This trophy will be donated by Dr. H. F. King, General Manager.

The highly competitive game of golf is the true test of good sportsmanship. A good loser builds up friendship and wins the respect of his fellowmen—he's the one who realizes someone has to lose in order for someone to win!

Officers who will have charge of the play this year, elected at a recent meeting of past and new members, are: Harry Grumish, president; Mel Boule, vice-president; Cecil Crawford, secretary-treasurer, and Clarence Newman, handicapper. Various committees to handle the necessary details have also been appointed.

## 'Pat' Wilkin Is Awarded 25-Year Pin



Shown above is Dr. H. F. King, General Manager, presenting Elmer Wilkin with a service pin in recognition of his completion of 25 years of continuous service with David Bradley. The presentation was made on March 27, 1950.

"Pat," as Mr. Wilkin is commonly known in the plant, has served practically all this time in the Foundry, performing the duties of a molder. An avid fisherman and golfer, "Pat" spends much of his spare time pursuing bass and walleyes and pursuing the little white ball.

All David Bradley folks join Dr. King in expressing their congratulations to Mr. Wilkin.

## Daylight Saving Time in Effect Sunday

Though it's really not necessary to wait up until 2 a.m. Sunday to turn your clock ahead, at that time Daylight Savings time will be officially inaugurated in this area. Most people do it the easy way—by moving their clocks ahead before they retire, but in any event you're going to lose that hour of sleep you picked up last September when Daylight Savings ended for 1949.

Some may forget to take care of the time change Saturday night or Sunday morning, thus providing an alibi for tardiness to church, etc., Sunday, but by the time Monday rolls around it's pretty certain no one will be late to their work by reason of neglect in changing to Daylight Savings Time by moving their timepieces AHEAD ONE HOUR!

## Cooperation in 'Punching' Time Clocks Is Requested

Many employees have become lax in their attention of the regular time for "punching in," prior to the beginning of a shift, according to a report emanating from the Timekeeping Department.

Employees are requested not to "punch" their time card "in" if there is more than 15 minutes until the beginning of the shift. Those who have made this oversight are asked to be more careful in the future. The Timekeeping Department will sincerely appreciate such cooperation.

A quartet is a group of four people, each of whom thinks the other three can't sing.

We at David Bradley extend our deepest sympathy to Harry Lehman and Leva Whaley, both of Maintenance, in the recent loss of their fathers; to Paul Ford of the Warehouse in the recent loss of his daughter, and to Don Billadeau of Material Scheduling, James Billadeau of Timekeeping and George Billadeau of the Sears store, in the recent loss of their father.

## Profit Sharing Gets Check for \$2,508,940.50

Members of the Saving and Profit Sharing Pension Fund received a Company dividend check for more than two and a half million dollars in March of this year.

The following announcement was made by William Wallace, executive director of the Fund, to all Sears organizations included in the Profit Sharing Plan:

"On March 10, Profit Sharing received from the company a dividend check for \$2,508,940.50."

The above amount covers the quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the 5,017,881 shares owned by the Fund for its members as of February 13, 1950.

### SLIGHTLY CONFUSED

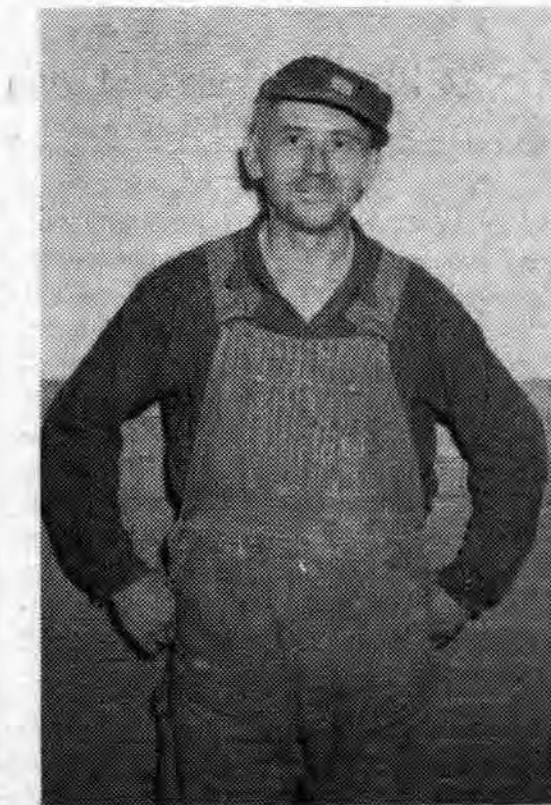
Passerby: "See here, my friend, you can't open that door with a cigar butt!"

Reveler: "Good Lor! I must have smoked the door key!"

One penalty of driving with one hand is that you're likely to run into a church.

## David Bradley Benefits Praised By 'Old-Timer' Oscar Landry

In this issue of the "Plowman" we honor Oscar Landry of the Maintenance Department as our



"old-timer." Oscar, a quiet sort of a fellow, started in the Foundry on May 20, 1927, as a laborer. In

## Sears Expansion In South America Told to Keymen

New Stores Will Aid in Establishing Middle Class There, Speaker Declares

Expansion of Sears, Roebuck & Company into South America was related at a dinner meeting of the David Bradley Keymen's Club on Wednesday night of last week. E. P. Brooks, vice-president in charge of factories and a director of the Florence Stove Company, was the speaker for the program, held at the Kankakee Valley Golf Club.

Brooks recently returned from South America, where he had been inspecting the facilities of the company there. He explained in detail the opening of a new Sears store at Caracas, Venezuela, which is the newest and most modern of any of the Sears stores. Some of the furniture sold there came from the local Kroehler factory, the speaker said.

He told of the difference in merchandising and policies of South American business and also revealed to the Keymen the workings of import and export duties involved in handling merchandise.

"South America is principally a two-class continent: The very rich and the very poor," he said. Through the opening of the Sears stores in South America, Brooks believes a middle class will be born.

Special local guests of the Bradley organization, introduced by Lawrence Power, president of the Keymen's Club, were W. T. Stewart, manager of the Kankakee Sears store; William McKay, general manager and vice-president of the Florence Stove Company; F. S. Cornell, general manager of the A. O. Smith Company, and Dr. Henry F. King, General Manager of David Bradley, who, before his appointment last month to David Bradley, was a special assistant to Brooks in Chicago.

## Frank Ericksons Celebrate 55th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Erickson recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at their home in Bradley. Mr. Erickson, a former David Bradley Supervisor, retired in June 1939.

All David Bradley people offer their congratulations and most sincere wishes for continued good health to this grand couple.

the Fall of 1940 he transferred to Maintenance as a construction helper and later became a first-class bricklayer, a position he still holds.

He was born in Bradley on August 8, 1908, and attended the Bradley grade school and, after one year of high school here, Oscar moved to Harvey, Ill., where he worked for several years before returning to Bradley.

In September of 1935 Oscar was married to Louise Cody of Kankakee. To this marriage two children were born, Arthur, now 13 years of age, and Frances, eight.

The Landrys reside in their own home in West Bradley and, in addition to hunting and fishing, his home's his hobby.

A member of all Company benefits and of the "20 Year" Club, Oscar says: "I am truly happy to be employed by an organization which treats their employes as human beings. The many benefits and steady employment offered gives me and my family the necessary things that the average family deserves."

# Dear David:

All of us occasionally stumble upon something we consider a journalistic masterpiece and wish to pass on what we have read to others. Today, David, some American workers question the workings of Democracy, believing there is a better way of life for everyone. Some of them are sincere, while others are malcontents who would find it difficult to fit themselves to any political or economic plan.

For those who are sincere and want to compare the foreign "isms" and planned economy we hear so much about today, with the American Way of Life, we suggest they read the following editorial on Americanism, written by Irving B. Hexter, publisher of "Occupational Hazards," who recently returned from an extensive tour of Europe:

"Vast parking lots in which thousands of workers' autos are parked are nothing particularly new or exciting to the average American. We see such parking facilities next to nearly every plant all over the country. If such parking space—or at least SOME parking place—is not provided, the worker goes where there IS a parking place provided. Nobody's going to prevent Joe American from driving his car to work. No sir, this is America.

"I was particularly impressed by the hundreds of bicycles parked in lean-to sheds outside of plants in England, France and Italy. I was much impressed by the number of bicycles on the streets in those countries. On a week-end, thousands of tandem bicycles are ridden by men and their girl friends, pumping, sweating and working to get out into the country for a small holiday. They're glad to work for THEIR holiday.

"Step into a phone booth. Close the door and be in a soundproof, private chamber. Call your wife or your mother or your office. Phones here are everywhere. Just drop a nickel dial and get your number. Want to call long distance? Sure thing. Just charge it to your bill and pay it at the end of the month. You'll get your party in the distant city without even taking the receiver from your ear. Get the wrong number occasionally? Have a slight delay? By gosh, the phone company can't do that to you. You'll write to your congressman or something. No sir, you're an American. Where does the phone company get that stuff, anyhow? By golly, you'll see about it . . . and yakety, yak.

"Let's make a phone call in Marseilles — or Rome — or even London. It's a production. It's an epoch. It's terrific. Want to talk to a nearby town—say 50 miles away? Two to three hour delay. Want to make a local call? On some blocks in a big European city there might be a store with one single phone. If the storekeeper happens to feel good he'll let you use his phone. Granting that you get your number by the fifth try, you can then talk to your wife or your girl or your office, right out in the middle of the room or—as so often happens—out on the sidewalk with all the traffic honking by.

"We DEMAND good telephone service, our own automobile, our own homes, our radios, electric lights, bathrooms, showers, super markets and baseball games. We have come to feel that it is the inalienable right of every American to have them and more—because he IS an American.

"The French worker, the English worker, the Italian, the Belgian work longer hours, work harder and for a much lower standard of living and many fewer comforts than we. They cannot DEMAND—they're glad if they just get food.

"We should keep on DEMANDING, but as we demand so should we be thankful. The great political system which we call Democracy has afforded us all the things we have. Under this system we have built the greatest and richest individual lives for ourselves the world has ever known.

"We shouldn't forget that the system which built our great

## 4-H Club Members Make Tour of DB Plant

Twenty-eight boys and girls of the 4-H Club of Bourbonnais and Ganeer townships were guests of David Bradley on Friday, April 7. Under the leadership of Lester Rashinski and Rene Raymond and chaperoned by Mrs. Homer Benoit, Mrs. Rene Raymond and Edgar Martin, the group assembled in the conference room, where they were welcomed and given a brief outline of the plant's activities, our affiliation with Sears, Roebuck & Company, and were given information pertinent to their safety while in the plant.

Numerous tools of the Handman Garden Tractor line were explained in the implement display room by Myrvi Johnston, Supervisor of Service. The future farmers were also impressed by a demonstration of the various uses of the air compressor unit.

After demonstrating the hydraulic action on the disc harrows and high clearance plows, the group was taken on a plant tour, escorted by Harry Girard, Gordon Wright and Frank Sovinski, all of the Personnel Office.

Though the guides were prepared to answer a majority of the questions asked by members of the group, they were occasionally "stumped" by some of the "whys, how comes, and what fors" propounded by members of the group—all from farm homes. This gave proof, nevertheless, that the group did take much interest in their visit.

At the close of the tour they again gathered in the conference room, where they were given an opportunity to express their viewpoint of the plant and its operating methods. Of particular interest to them was the pouring of molten iron in the foundry, the plow share operations, the mechanical wonders performed by machinery in the production of piece parts, the modern method of mechanically handling loaded skids and trucks, the assembly of implements, dipping operations, and the overhead conveyor system.

We at David Bradley were only too glad to be of service to such a group. These young folks were not only orderly and well-mannered, but were much impressed by their visit. We sincerely hope to have them with us again in future years as friends and customers.

### DB Watchman and Wife Mark 40th Anniversary

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Montague Bowery who on Tuesday, April 25, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Bill, as Mr. Bowery is commonly known at the plant, is one of our watchmen, having been at David Bradley since August, 1918. Most of us will recall that Mrs. Bowery was the pleasant lady who kept the main office so spic and span for about ten years, until poor health compelled her to remain at home. She has recovered, however, and is now able to get about very well.

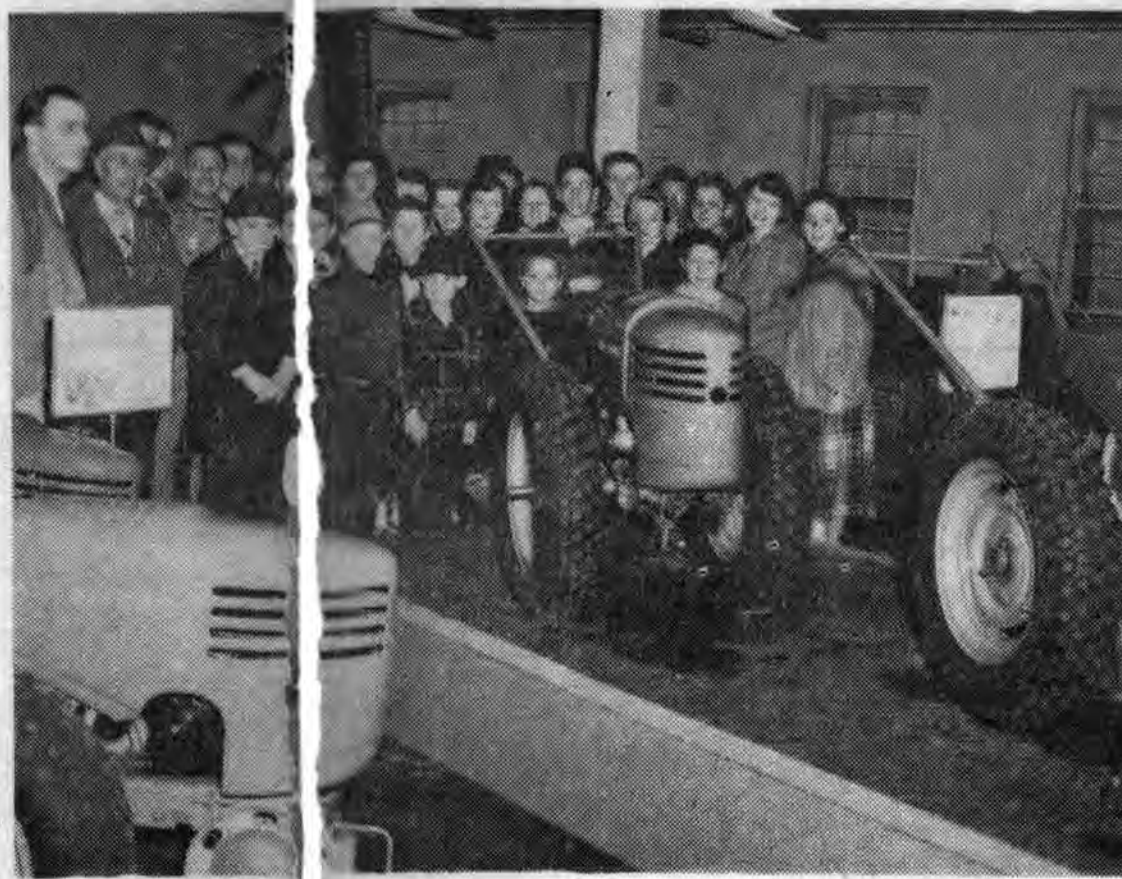
A grand couple, and all David Bradley folks join in wishing them many, many more years of happiness and continued good health together.

Your credit is always good when you start to borrow trouble.

country and our great way of life has yet to be equalled anywhere else. The soap box orator (the one with the holes in his pants) rants and raves and tells us how things could be improved if only we followed the system used in certain foreign countries. That has, as yet, not been demonstrated. No one has seen, anywhere in this world, the equal of what we have here in America. Let's continue to demand it—and protect it and WORK for it."

We hope, David, that the above will be a reminder that the American Way of Life may not be quite as bad as some paint it—and perhaps a lot better than many of us sometimes realize.

## Potential Players of David Bradley Products



4-H boys and girls of Bourbonnais and Ganeer townships were "all eyes" during an inspection of the plant, made by them on April 7. They are shown above while visiting the implement display room.

### Service Anniversaries

#### FIVE YEARS

Donald Walsh, Welding, March 29, 1945.

Edward Lehner, Forge Shop, April 9, 1945.

#### FIFTEEN YEARS

Miles Stoner, Supervisor, April 2, 1935.

### Ice Cream Dispenser Installed On Trial Basis

An ice cream vending machine, installed on a trial basis, has recently been placed at the extreme north end of the Forge Shop. A percentage of the profits of the dispenser, as is the case with the various other vending machines, goes into a welfare fund for employees, contributing to the financial upkeep of the golf league, the softball teams, bowling league and the recreational park.

Persons using these units are asked to cooperate in disposing of paper wrappers, sticks, etc. Refuse containers are provided—don't just throw them on the floor.

If the new unit proves satisfactory and the privilege is not abused, several more will probably be installed at convenient locations.

## Smoking Rules In Plant Are Being Violated

A recent plant fire inspection revealed numerous violations of plant smoking rules. Cigarette stubs and burned matches were found near spray booths and paint tanks, mechanical moving equipment was being used too close to operations where a spark could cause a fire or explosion, and men were observed with lighted cigarettes, cigars and pipes while enroute through the warehouses and in other "no smoking" areas.

David Bradley is the source of our livelihood and we must all realize that a major fire or explosion would severely cripple our incomes and the community as well.

Areas where smoking is not permitted because of fire hazards are clearly indicated. The cooperation of ALL David Bradley employees is needed to insure the success of our fire prevention program.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**LOST**—Yellow gold wedding ring, in the vicinity of foundry switch track. Finder please return to Paul Stevenson in Maintenance or to the Personnel Office.

**FOR SALE**—Set of assorted golf clubs, consisting of 3 Johnny Buila woods, 9 irons, a bag and caddie cart. See Don Billadeau in Material Control or Dial Plant Phone 225.

**FOR SALE**—Two adjoining lots in West Kankakee, each 50x150 ft., on new blacktop road, curbing installed. See Benny Szewerenko in the Core Room.

## Your Feet Can Be Source of Poor Health

By HATTIE MURPHY, R.N.

(The following item is reprinted through the courtesy of the editor of the publication of the Mississippi Products Co., Inc., of Jackson, Miss., a Sears owned plant.)

Got bum feet? Take care of them, or they'll take care of you in a manner which cannot be classified as pleasant.

Headaches, backaches, toothaches, earaches, and all of a thousand other ills that beset mankind, can be traced to bum feet.

Bum feet can be traced to a lot of things. However, it is generally agreed by foot specialists that faulty footwear is responsible for most foot ailments.

### Vanity Versus Corns

Vanity enters the picture, particularly where women are concerned. It is frequently noted that a size ten foot in a size eight shoe is apt to discomfort the wearer.

Good shoes, like good food, is essential to good health.

Bunions, flat feet, corns, bent and twisted toes, swollen ankles and burning soles, are directly traceable to ill-fitted shoes. Many complain that standing on their feet all day, on cement floors at that, make their dogs bark like a sick puppy.

Tain't true. Tain't true. There are shoes for every occasion, albeit some people hesitate to acknowledge the fact.

### High Heels Are Show

High heels, probably responsible for more female illness than any other item, were not made for hiking, working, playing, or for that matter, for anything but show purposes. No one can honestly say that five-inch heels on shoes ever provided for comfort.

Good shoes are expensive, by comparison, because the initial cost is more. But good shoes are one of the most economical purchases a person makes, because they not only last longer, but the comfort they provide cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

### Buy Good Shoes

If your feet are giving you trouble, try buying a good pair of shoes at a reliable place, and watch the world turn brighter immediately.

Wash your feet at least twice a day. Scrub them with soap and water. Tired, burning feet should be bathed in a solution of epsom salts and hot water, or rinsed in rubbing alcohol or other cooling preparations.

Don't wear socks that have holes in them, and if possible, don't even wear socks that have been darned or sewn. Inspect and air out your shoes regularly.

Some ask for advice, but what they really want is approval.

## STAY SAFE OFF-THE-JOB, TOO



### David Bradley Takes Part In 'Operations Brushpile'

David Bradley was one of the 46 firms in the Kankakee-Bradley area which provided a truck to assist in the drive on Sunday, April 16, to help clear the city of broken tree limbs and other debris caused by the ice storm on Easter Sunday. The drive, sponsored by the Kankakee Junior Chamber of Commerce, resulted in the removal of 1,200 loads of the estimated 6,000 needed to clean up the entire city.

John Salisbury, David Bradley driver, donated his time to drive our truck. John, working with a minimum of help, was one of the leaders in the number of loads delivered to the dumping grounds. After the prearranged quitting time, John insisted on going back for just "one more load." Without his help and other civic-minded employees of David Bradley who contributed their time and money, such an event as "Operations Brushpile" would have been impossible. This project is but one example of what determined citizens can accomplish by working together on a common cause.

## Complete 15 Years of Service Here



Shown above are Miles Stoner, General Foreman of the night shift operations, and Fern Belmore, our genial switchboard operator. Both Mrs. Belmore and Mr. Stoner recently received service pins in recognition of their completion of 15 years of service at David Bradley.

# Jibes, Jests and Facts About Folks You Know

## Plant Ramblings

By YOUR ROVING REPORTER

Did you know that Chris Sorenson of the Foundry has a sideline? He is in the cement block business. Look him up when you are in the market for cement blocks.

The boys in the Forge Shop are still kidding Leo Richa about his picture in the March issue of our paper. When asked about the big grin, he replied, "Aw, Mac asked me if I wanted a free one!"

Did you know that Henry ("Hank") Neftzger of the Machine Shop has worked over five years without a single day of absenteeism for any reason? That, folks, is a work record for a person to be proud of. Congratulations, Hank.

Who is the David Bradley Supervisor who regularly kides William Stewart, the Kankakee Sears store manager, about his failure to carry a line of men's clothes? Just recently when in the store, Bill took this individual over to the men's department and asked him how many "tailor made" suits he wanted. Now Gordon W. avoids Bill when shopping at Sears.

Louis Lustig of Maintenance was seen riding in a local hearse at a funeral last week. We always knew Louie looked like a "stiff," but didn't realize that things were that bad.

Clarence Rantz, Ed Goselin, Joe LeClair and Ted Martin banded together to pay their respects at the wake of a relative of one of their co-workers several weeks ago. They pulled up in front of a large, lighted home, went up on the front porch and, without knocking, opened the door and casually walked in. You can imagine their surprise when they learned they were in the wrong block and certainly the wrong house! We certainly would like to have seen their faces when the owner informed them of their error.

Ray Dominiak of the Foundry is driving a new Mercury. A robin egg blue! His wife won't let him get into it unless he has on his best clothes. Ray's pop, George, is off work with a fractured toe.

We wonder if Dick Heinze's new Mercury stops automatically alongside the quarry on North Schuyler avenue when Dick throws his empties away.

Why does everyone call Stanley Barchzak, the second shift watchman, "Onions"? And who gave him that nickname?

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Buck of Ottawa, Ill. Sy, former David Bradley supervisor, and Mrs. Buck, the former Marie Caccello, second shift nurse several years ago, became the parents of an eight-pound boy last week.

## Office Chatter

By JEANNE REGNIER

On Wednesday evening, April 19, a dinner was given at the Kankakee Country Club in honor of Jolly Fister's approaching marriage to Frank Fortin on Saturday, May 6. Those attending were Maxine Naas, Maxine Lambert, Eileen Gallois, Verryce Anderson, Therese Ruhm, Vernetta Granger and Jeanne Regnier and also a few former employees, including Katherine Leutloff, Germaine Mackin, Vera McNutt and Rita Mae McCleary, who presented Jolly with a gift.

On March 27 congratulations were given to Fern Belmore after having completed 15 years at David Bradley. She was presented with a beautiful corsage and also a monetary gift. She just told your reporter to be sure to say, "Thanks a million to everyone."

Farewells and goodbyes were said to Leo Brais a couple of weeks ago when he left David Bradley. He has now gone into business for himself.

Spring is here and so are the painters! The second floor office is being redecorated, much to everyone's delight.

Did anyone see Larry ("Tarzan") Richardson assisting with "Operations Brushpile" Sunday? One way of getting things all set for more work, namely, lawn mowing.

See Doris Denoyer is riding in

style these days. She and Will just purchased a new Studebaker. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Messerle and Dale spent the week-end in Detroit after having been in Michigan on business.

Well, folks, that's all the news for this time! Remember, though, "no news is good news."

## Assembly Bundles

By LEONARD JOHNSON

Gus Usevicz is now known as "Gallant Gus." Seems that one of the pretty femme timekeepers tripped and fell, and Gus rushed to her rescue. After the lady looked up and saw Gus bending over her, she screamed and passed out. What a man!

Harold Knecht is complaining of a sore back these days. We have learned that he hauls bales of hay to Lincoln Fields every Saturday.

That new 1950 Ford you see in the parking lot is owned by Larry Wells. Careful, Larry, a lot of gals are looking for a single man with a new car. By the way, Larry, did you ever get that hair oil?

Mrs. William Mitchell, a census taker in her neighborhood, refused to count Bill in her tabulations. Oh, well, we never did think that Bill counted.

Frank Ovnich has been appointed our new committeeman.

"Flat-Top" Burgess bought a 1937 car which he uses to replace the parts that have fallen from his new "buggy."

We never have heard the outcome of the shuffleboard tournament between Leo Hardesty, Burgess, Ovnich and Lloyd Wells. None of them will talk.

Al Ponton is back on his old job as roller man. He certainly takes his job seriously. Tried to find some for me when I met him on the street recently. Let's all help him cut, gang.

Your scribe has recently been appointed Second Lieutenant in Company E of the Illinois National Guard. No, you don't have to salute in the plant, fellows.

"Dutch" Correll wants Al Ponton to move to LaRabe in order to teach "Dutch" how to speak French.

Harold Bastin, Assembly's most rabid fisherman, has been catching Crappies and rock-bass right along. He even carries hooks and nightcrawlers in his pockets while at work. After several days of incarceration they don't smell so good!

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murawski will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary Thursday, April 27. The whole Assembly gang offers most hearty congratulations.

## Experimental Splatter

By HARRY GILBERT

Time to get the "crystal ball" down again and in looking at it we see an old familiar face in our department again. "Flat-Foot Fred" Cross! Yep, he's back again. After all his time off in our department we all thought he would be like a new born baby, but he doesn't show any change.

The other day we were talking about our engineers and how good they were. One of the gang remarked about how good Iowa College was and that they turned out some great men. Another asked if "Tex" Louthan graduated, to which this answer came from across the room, "No, he was turned out."

The boss bought a new hat and Drazy started to laugh when he saw him and said, "Gee, you look funny in that hat." The boss wanted to know what was wrong with the hat, to which Drazy replied, "Oh, it isn't the hat."

The bunch seems to always be picking on the boss. The other day Wilson, in service, was trying to sell him a second hand vacuum sweeper. Guess Jim thought the boss had a dusty brain. Another thought the boss was going around in a state of confusion and offered him a pint of blood. The boss only eats an apple for lunch and Kline asked if he ever found a worm in an apple. "Oh, yes!" the boss replied, "but a worm in

## Resigns After 25 Years With DB



Shown above is Leo Brais, a David Bradley Supervisor, who resigned his position of Supervisor of the Service Parts Department after almost 25 years of service, to enter business for himself. The people under his supervision presented him with an appropriate gift and he was also presented with a beautiful nickelplated caddy cart by the members of the Keymen's Club.

All of us wish Leo much success in his new undertaking.

an apple is worth two in your mouth."

Did you ever see that car load of Edisons and Marconis unload in the morning out in front of the office? There is "Short Circuit" Horace Petty, "Hot Shot" Ed Licht and "Watts" Hank Reitmeier. Finally out tumbles Mary Burrell, poor thing. Wonder if she ever gets "shocked" by those "electrical wizards"?

Our friend, Ed ("Fish Hook") Drazy has gone back to Veterans Hospital at Dwight for another operation. Looks like he has taken a turn for the "nurse."

The other day at noon hour, Rantz's wife called him; perhaps his pigs were out again. The next day at noon another woman called him. Now do you suppose this man Rantz is becoming a Ladies' Home Companion? Speaking of pigs, Rantz has some pigs for sale and has put a sign on his gate—"Pigs for Sale." The other day a party stopped and asked his stepson if this was the place where they had pigs for sale. The young fellow answered that it was, then went to the door and, in a loud voice, shouted, "Hey, Pa, a man wants to see you."

The latest addition to our experimental family is Bob Mehrer. Bob is a strapping big fellow that hard work doesn't bother in the least. It seems that the only thing that really bothers him, besides Fred Cross, are women—especially at lunch time when they pass through our department. Well, that's a half hour when Bob really works — his whistle, we mean. Now, girls, Bob isn't married and there are a lot of fellows that are worse looking, so it will be all right to smile at him now and then, but not too often, for we don't want him to start trying to get a transfer to your department.

Down in the Steel Yard we have a little old apple dumpling who reports the news from the goings on down there and the way she reports it is a crime. In last month's paper she had an item that really took the cake. It read like this: "Toby is off work; he got a finger nail pulled off of one of his fingers." Now, Jessie, the only place our boys on this end have finger nails is on their fingers. Where else could you find one? Those other nails on the lower end of the body are either toe nails and lower down than that they are shoe nails. Of course, Jessie, we knew what you meant, but the way you stated it was quite funny. But we can't blame you, because you take an old Mamma like you trying to report for a bunch of good looking men like you have down there and you are even lucky to report. I mean in the paper. Hope in next month's paper you will answer this (Ha, ha) and try to do a little better job in the future.

The ice storm which paid us a visit on Easter Sunday has left us with several "for sale, cheap" items, such as brush, T.V. aerials and light fixtures. Now here is one item at half price. It seems as though Fred Cross didn't have

any lights one night, so, after talking about it all day (as usual) he went to town after work and purchased two large candles, big ones, about six inches high. But the devil of it was when he got home that evening the Public Service men had his lines up and the lights on again. Now Fred has those two big candles on hand and no use for them. He is offering them for sale at half price.

Some of our boys really enjoyed our blackout. Paul Boudreau said it was fine, for he couldn't see his wife frown at him. That must have been a treat. When we asked Paul Gall what he did in the dark he just grinned and said, "You'd be surprised." Oscar Lanoue remarked that it didn't bother him because the horses didn't run by electric lights anyway.

Stanley Hill has a smile on his face again since we have completed a manure spreader to be shown in Chicago at the implement show. Stanley says it can't be improved or equalled by any company. It is the world's best "crap shooter." We hope you're right, Mr. Hill, and also hope you will not be disappointed when you look over the other spreaders at that big show in Chicago.

We have already told you that Harry Gilbert and his wife are always fighting and they like it. Well, the other day she thought Harry didn't show the same love as he used to in years gone by and said to him, "Harry, you used to worship the ground I stood on." Harry quickly answered, "Yes, I did, but then I thought you owned it." Then the fur did fly!

Well, this is enough for now, so will close again with another little verse that may fit in most everyone's case:

When Noah sailed the waters blue,  
He had his trouble, same as you.  
For 40 days he drove his Ark,  
Before he found a place to park.

## Steel Stories

By JESSIE BROUILLETTE

Since the last issue of the paper we have lost our John Smith to the Forge Shop and Mr. Meier, who came from Experimental. Mr. Dionne went back to Bill Korstick's department, so all in all we are six happy people.

Tom Carlin has returned from South Dakota after an absence of six weeks. He was called there because of the illness of his mother, who is well up in the eighties.

Spring has finally come to the Steel Yards after a most unusual Easter Day. The big North door and the South doors are opened again and the birds are flying around.

We were very sorry to hear of the recent death of Don Billadeau's father. Our sympathy goes out to the family in a time like this and we only wish we could be of some assistance.

Toby Bastian was off on a re-

cent afternoon; a little business to attend to over in Indiana.

We just had one wedding and now another one is coming up. Wonder who the third one will be. Never can tell! Who knows—it might be your scribe (Oh, yeah!) Bill Beck has given up bachelorhood to join the roll of the married ones and Jim Murawski is next. Poor boy—and they were such nice fellows.

Toddy Coy became a proud papa not too long ago—the third child and a boy.

Camille Riberdy is wearing a bandage on one of his fingers on his hand. Pretty sore for a few days. Be careful, Boss, you aren't supposed to get hurt.

Ruben Habedank has moved into his new house, and likes it real well. His little son, Ronnie, had the measles, but is over them now.

Fishing is now in order and Johnny Grimes has bought a bobber. Maybe he will get a bigger one than those he told us he lost last year.

Say, fellows, how about turning in more news to me?

## Tips from Receiving and Stores

By RUTH ARRINGTON

Despite the fact that we're having our ups and downs in the weather, there are signs of Spring in the air. The Cubs and White Sox fans have come to life. Incidentally, Ed Kerouac is wondering why our editor disappeared so suddenly the other day when the White Sox were mentioned. Could it be that he's still rooting for those who seem to have a firm hold on the bottom rung of the ladder? Such perseverance!

Clayton Curby doesn't know whether it is such a good idea to ride his motor-bike to work or not. Seems as if it snows or rains every time he does.

Paul Wischnowski has decided to take up farming near Chebanse. We wish him lots of luck and hope he doesn't forget that David Bradley manufactures farm machinery.

Can someone relieve Judge Walsh of a pressing problem? He is looking for a house. Hope he has some success before long.

Since the last issue of the Pioneer Plowman, Clarence Calvert and Burnell Bishop have been working in the Receiving Department. They have replaced Milton Preston and Jim Hoffman. So, we say "Goodbye" and "Hello."

## Tool and Die Whistles

By TONY CIACCIO

Well, now that Spring is beginning to show its beauty, the chief topic of discussion turns to baseball. And work around the house includes housecleaning, gardens and lawns. After that Easter storm we had, we're sure that everyone had a job of cleaning up the branches that fell.

Louie Enrietta missed a couple days of work last week because of a sprained wrist he sustained from a fall.

Tom Damler was all set to go home at 2:30 o'clock the other day. It seems that someone set the alarm clock by his bench ahead one hour.

Don Burton got his car dented up by a truck. And Maurice Coffman's Plymouth got sideswiped by a hit and run driver.

"Mitch" is now enjoying television at his home. Everyone is invited, but be sure to bring your own beer.

Al Ponikvar went on nights, so he would be able to overhaul his car in the daytime. He traded shifts with Jack Spaulding.

Martin Ams will have his new two-story house finished some time next month. Anyone interested in a nice new place to live should see Martin Ams in Die Sinking. We have a couple of new car owners to report in this issue. Ray Studer is now sporting a new Mercury. Walter Heinze is also getting a new Mercury. And Martin Ams is going to buy a new car, but hasn't made up his mind as

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# Action 'Shots' of David Bradley Cagers When They 'Gave 'til It Hurt' for Red Cross



Shown in the act of scoring two points for the Plant is Bill Beck, who apparently caught the Office defense napping to permit the easy lay-up shot.



Frankie ("Gorgeous George") White is shown "perfuming" the atmosphere to prepare the way for a 50-49 victory by the Office over the Plant.



A noble but futile effort to break the 6-6 deadlock between the Yellow Jackets and Boilermakers is being made by Jeanne Regnier. The game ended in a tie.

## DAVID BRADLEY Maple Splinters

By YOUR NEAR EDITOR  
Highlights of March 28

High single game was bowled by Tony Staniszeski, who collected 222 pins. He also hit second high series with 547. Herbie Blair rolled second high single game—212—and high series of 578.

Dean Ostrander's Disc Harrows' first game of 867 was high team game, with their 2475 series also taking top honors. The Plows and Hay Rakes tied for second high game, hitting 856 each. A. T. Haden and Company copped second high with 2426.

Ouch! Did the league's leading teams take it on the chin at the session. Al Keller's Hay Rakes dropped their series to the Disc Harrows; Herbie Blair's Mower team swept their series from "Puss" Newman's third place Planters and, last but not least, Tommy Kerouac's last place Spreaders dumped it on the first place Loaders for three games. Now the Discs are in first place with a single game lead over the four teams tied for second place. Really a close situation.

Mr. David Waldemar Freborg, alias "Happy Hank," after bowling in our league the past six seasons without hitting a 200 game, finally did it. Yep, he collected 207 pins his first game! Nice going, D. W.

How come "Pappy" Nelson always, always seems to get a strike in the fifth frame? He told the writer that he loves the boys on his team.

Sammy Coffman and his big brother, John, were lead-off opponents for their respective teams. Sam kind of gave Pres. a lesson, beating him 460 to 418. Incidentally, Sammy will not be bowling with us any more this season. The Coffmans were married while Sam was stationed in England during the war and they flew back to London for a month's visit with Mrs. Coffman's folks.

The entire league takes this means to extend their deepest sympathy to Harry Lehman of the Seeders in the recent loss of his father.

### Highlights of April 4

Two rival anchor men, Tom Kerouac and Larry Power, were the sessions "hot" bowlers. Tom hit high game of 223 and second high series of 555. Larry's 212 game was second high and his 586 series won the \$12 jackpot.

The Planters knocked off high team game at 835 and second high series of 2323, with the Mowers hitting high team series of 2357. The Seeders' 806 game was good for second high.

Again the league lead changed hands.

Dean Ostrander's Disc Harrows, who were in first, dropped their series to Don Billadeau's Plow Shares. The Shares, bowling with only three men, had easy picking as the Harrows hit only 2071 for the series.

Herbie Blair's Mowers, by handing Dick Beck's Loaders their sev-

enth straight loss, moved into first place by a single game. The Loaders' 2063 series was their season's worst.

Don't kid Paul Legris about his two consecutive gutter balls after having a double up. He has taken enough razzing now.

Can you imagine bowlers like Bud Menard and Dick Beck bowling series of 408 and 394, respectively? Neither can we, but they did.

The Rakes hit 696 their first game and still won by 12 pins. Al Keller was high man for the Rakes with a 149 game. Such "bowling"!

Frankie Pezdirtz, after hitting games of 116, 101 and 131 for a 348 series, bowled against the "boss" of the Pezdirtz family. Yep, his first game was 106. We won't mention his second game of 216.

Pres. Coffman got back in the groove, hitting a 498 series. Elmer Carpenter, his teammate, couldn't keep his big hook ball on the alley. Neither could about 75 per cent of us, Elmer.

Did you see where Larry ("Buddy Bomar") Power rolled a 684 series in another league recently? Brother, that's hitting the wood!

### Highlights of April 11

Wow! Talk about a revision in bowling! Of the 36 lines bowled, 19 teams hit games of over 800 pins.

The Tractors set a new high single game of 951 and a new high team series of 2628. The Plows' 898 game was second high, with the last place Spreaders' 2464 series taking second high.

Tony Staniszeski took high game, getting 224 pins. His 614 series was high for the session. Mark Scism of the Tractors hit second high series—592 actual. He tied our Paulie Legris for second high game—220 pins each.

The boys in the Warehouse now call Paul "Mr. Champ" Legris. Paul, a 138 average bowler, hit games of 165, 220 and 197 for a 582 series. This total, plus his handicap, gave him a 706 series, nosing out Larry Power by a single pin for first place. Starting with the fifth frame of his second game, Paul hit 11 consecutive strikes before blowing the fifth frame of his third game. That's bowling in any league.

Si Simerson hit the maples for a 563 series to contribute to his team's high series.

Talk about a lucky team! The first place Mowers with a 751 team average, hit 719 pins their first game and beat the Drags by a single pin. Our last place Spreaders bowled an 822 game and lost to the Hay Rakes by 25 pins. It just ain't fair!

Herbie McKee, the old left-hander, missed bowling for the first time this season. Had to work overtime. Charley Brinkman also missed for the first time. A business trip out of town caused his absence.

The Wagons certainly run into a lot of tough luck. They hit

### DAVID BRADLEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

| Team         | Won | Lost |
|--------------|-----|------|
| Mowers       | 54  | 42   |
| Disc Harrows | 53  | 43   |
| Hay Rakes    | 52  | 44   |
| Loaders      | 50  | 46   |
| Tractors     | 49  | 47   |
| Drag Harrows | 49  | 47   |
| Plow Shares  | 49  | 47   |
| Planters     | 47  | 49   |
| Seeders      | 44  | 52   |
| Plows        | 44  | 52   |
| Wagons       | 44  | 52   |
| Spreaders    | 41  | 55   |

games of 817, 802 and 794 and lost all three games.

Eddie Drazy, the sophisticated mudball bowler on the lucky Mowers, had his season end rather abruptly. He submitted to major surgery at Veterans Hospital at Dwight on April 12. The entire league is rooting for you, Ed.

"Long Ernie" Root fired a 207 his first game. First one this season.

Louie ("The Sitter") Richa also registered a 207 game. He found out that a bowler is supposed to follow through in a standing position.

### Highlights of April 18

Several new names appear as being top bowlers for the session. Hank Reitmeier, by shooting a 223 game, and Tommy Damler, by hitting the wood for a 581 series, were champs. Herbie Blair's 222 game and Larry Power's 550 series placed for second.

The Plows were the hottest team on the alleys. Their 896 game and 2476 series took first honors. The Tractors, by hitting an 870 game and 2455 series, won second honors.

Dont' be surprised if you see Mrs. Webb Kohl, Mrs. Dick Beck, Mrs. Charley Brinkman, Mrs. Del DeMoure and Mrs. Howard Nelson bowling in their husband's places next week. They certainly couldn't do any worse than their so-called husband bowlers.

Incidentally, ask Webb Kohl about his first game of 89. Was he hot! Maybe someone should tell him that in order to hit the pins the bowler is supposed to roll his ball down the alley instead of in the gutter. "Slim" says that he has better control his way. Oh, well!

Little Marvie Kraft had some gutter trouble also. He complains of the alleys being too narrow.

What happened to Frankie White? His games of 127, 123 and 116 for a big 366 series was quite a bit off his pace. Herb Blair, his captain, is going to substitute Eugenia Deias for him next week.

Hey, Cowboy, we take it back. Your scores of 161, 160 and 160 were VERY consistent.

Speaking of consistency, Herb Blair bowled 122 and then hit a 222 game. WOW!

Now we know why Dick Beck is in a slump. Saw him drinking grape pop last night. Wonders never cease!

Dick Messerle, Paul Scott and Ray Curby ought to be cut in on the prize money some where along the line. They have filled in quite often and saved the absen-

### Many David Bradley Folks Attend Square Dance

Approximately 30 couples of David Bradley people attended the square dance as guests of the Adult Recreational Division of the Kankakee Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, April 15. The night had been designated as "David Bradley Night" by "Y" officials.

Those who attended reported having a grand time and take this means of thanking the division.

### LIKE A BARGAIN SALE

A young couple asked the parson to marry them immediately following the Sunday morning service. When the time came the minister arose and said:

"Will those who wish to be united in the holy bonds of matrimony please come forward?"

There was a great stir as 13 women and one man approached the altar.

tees some money. Thanks, fellows.

Al Keller came to First Aid the morning after this session and complained of a bad case of "foulitis." Keep off that line, Al.

Our Spreader team feels like a bunch of coal miners. Have sole possession of the bottom of the league now. However, of the seven plant teams entered in the Kankakee Bowling Association tournament, we were the ONLY team to finish in the prize money, taking 19th place. Not bad, considering there were 178 teams entered.

While bowling at this session, Don Billadeau was called to the phone and asked to hurry home. Later in the evening we learned that his father had passed away. The entire league extends its sympathy, Don.

Did you see the rogue's gallery on the Personnel bulletin board. The members of the bowling league think that their pictures are very cute, especially Leo Mathews, Tom Damler, Rudy Koehle, Roy Armstrong, Bill Korstick and Frankie White. And the State puts men in jail just for robbery and murder.

### DAVID BRADLEY GOLF LEAGUE

#### Teams and Handicaps for First Matches—May 3, 1950

| Team | Name          | Hdcp. | Name              | Hdcp. | Total Hdcp. |
|------|---------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1    | R. Schlemmer  | 11    | A. T. Haden       | 14    | 25          |
| 2    | N. Gineris    | 8     | E. Fogle          | 15    | 23          |
| 3    | C. Newman     | 8     | R. Harwell        | 14    | 22          |
| 4    | P. Walsh      | 9     | *R. Koehle (70)   | 26    | 35          |
| 5    | S. Gineris    | 9     | E. Messerle       | 14    | 23          |
| 6    | E. Wilkins    | 7     | R. Curby          | 20    | 27          |
| 7    | D. Billadeau  | 10    | R. Durand         | 14    | 24          |
| 8    | D. Ostrander  | 12    | J. Dominak        | 17    | 29          |
| 9    | M. Boudreau   | 13    | E. Pahnke         | 24    | 37          |
| 10   | H. Grumish    | 4     | *H. White (50)    | 11    | 15          |
| 11   | B. Szeverenko | 11    | C. Neptune        | 17    | 28          |
| 12   | R. Hayes      | 5     | *D. Petko (50)    | 11    | 16          |
| 13   | R. Drazy      | 13    | *F. Simerson (90) | 41    | 54          |
| 14   | M. Boule      | 9     | W. Koehle         | 30    | 39          |
| 15   | I. Meyers     | 9     | B. Hunter         | 20    | 29          |
| 16   | G. Odum       | 10    | *E. Hood          | 29    | 39          |
| 17   | C. Crawford   | 9     | E. Thurston       | 27    | 36          |
| 18   | R. Dominak    | 8     | *D. Wheeler (65)  | 23    | 30          |
| 19   | M. Scism      | 7     | *R. Scelze (55)   | 14    | 21          |
| 20   | F. Zupancic   | 9     | R. Rathman        | 14    | 23          |
| 21   | F. Hasemeyer  | 8     | L. Williamson     | 14    | 22          |
| 22   | M. Kraft      | 7     | E. Goudreau       | 13    | 20          |

ALTERNATES—J. Grimes (11), H. Sahlin (15), \*M. Car (16), \*M. Larrimer and F. Sovinski (19).

\*New members.