

Gen. Wood Father of Plan to Build City Farms for Boys

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Gen. Robert E. Wood, the energetic man who runs Sears, Roebuck and Company and its two-billion-dollars-a-year business, emerges as a fairy godfather of Chicago's boys.

The idea of creating little "farms" for lads among the skyscrapers is his.

He and other civic-minded men are going to put the project into action soon through the Chicago Boys Clubs, Inc., which maintains ten clubhouses for 12,000 boys in various neighborhoods.

Purpose of Plan

The aim of this citified 4-H is to help the city boys to regain their "lost place in life."

Only through the experience of raising plants, flowers, trees and small animals can this be accomplished, the general believes.

In reaching his conclusions, General Wood was guided by a lifelong interest in the plight of the small fry. Particularly, he was stirred by the problem of juvenile delinquency in cities.

Poses a Question

The 4-H Clubs, in which he has been an active supporter, have had to deal with only a minimum of teen-age mischief making, he observed. But all the while, juvenile delinquency has been increasing on the sidewalks. Why?

"The city boy has a feeling of frustration and insecurity because he has no way to exercise responsibility in worthwhile tasks," General Wood replies.

"Today, only the farm boy

can find useful duties and the satisfaction of work well done. The city boy, with a minimum of chores, living

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Importance of Keeping Name of Beneficiary Up to Date Is Stressed

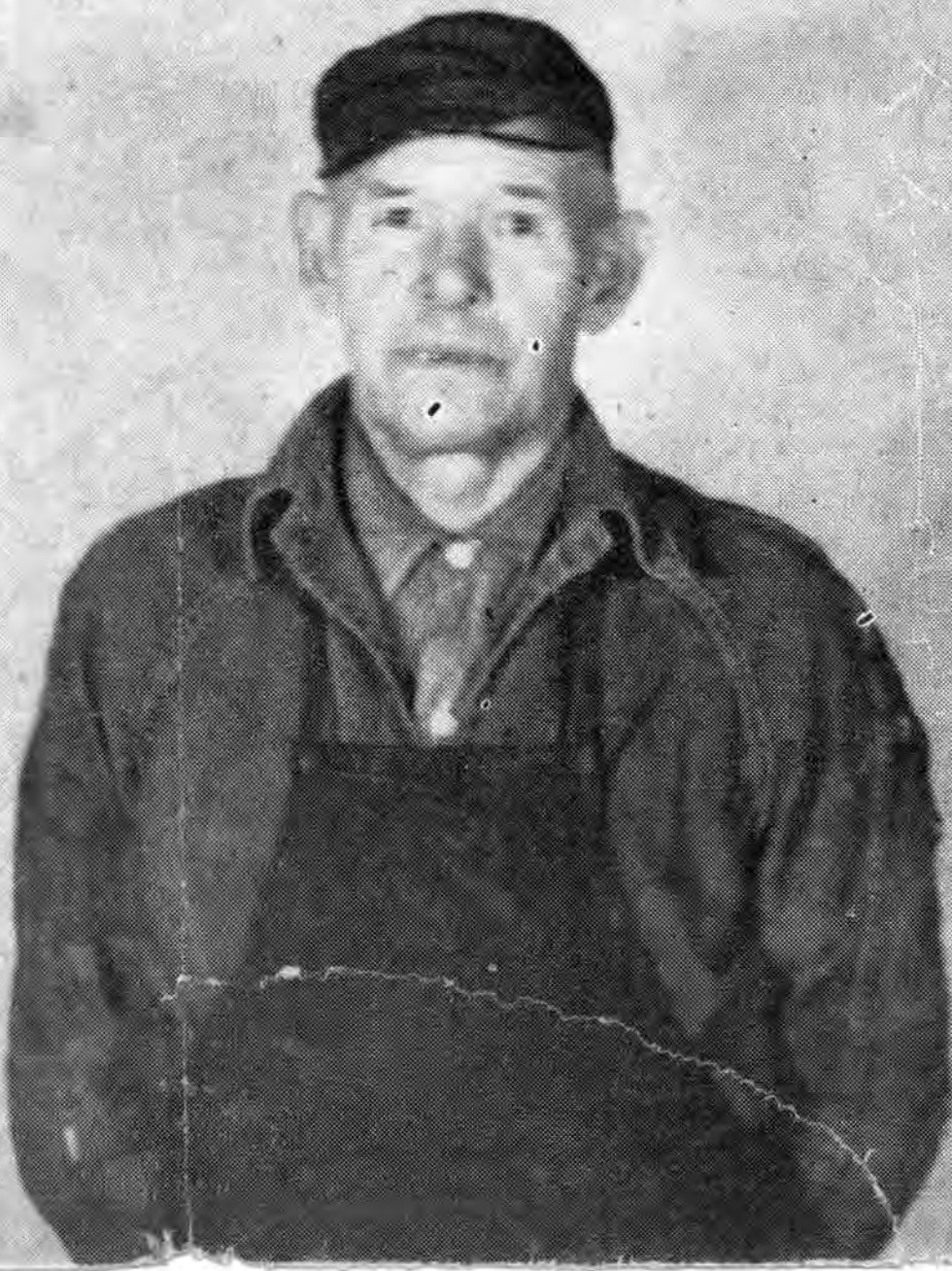
The importance of keeping beneficiaries up to date by participants of the Sears Profit Sharing Plan and group insurance is stressed by W. E. Welch, Personnel Manager. He points out that it is but a simple matter to do this, but neglect to do so may cause considerable hardship to those who should be spared such difficulties.

When death occurs and a minor (a person not of legal age) or the estate of the insured is a beneficiary, it will be necessary to have a guardian or an administrator appointed before the Profit Sharing or the life insurance can be paid. This, of course, means court expenses for the beneficiary and delay in payments. This factor should be taken into consideration when naming beneficiaries.

Forms for these changes are available at the Personnel Department and may be filled out there at the employee's convenience.

WITH DB SINCE TURN OF CENTURY!

'Good Work Is Good Business,' Declares Frank Marczak



Frank Marczak, wheelabrator operator in the Foundry, was born in Kankakee on April 30, 1883, and has been an employe of David Bradley since January 22, 1900. He attended the St. Mary Grade School and began work in the Grinding room at the age of 17. Two years later he started molding and continued in that trade until 60 years of age when he returned to the Grinding Room and lighter work.

His first job was under Foreman White and his pay was 75 cents per day. Since then he has seen many changes and the expansion of David Bradley through the years.

He was married nine years to the day after he became affiliated with David Bradley and has three children. They are Florence Bydalek, Helen Smith and Edward, who many of us know, and who is working as a draftsman in the Engineering Department.

For a parttime Frank likes to fish or tinker in his shop, which includes a power saw, drill press and power grinder, besides many carpenter's hand tools.

Frank believes he has the most foundry service of any man in the Kankakee area. He contributes his long service to always doing his best at any job assigned to him and says: "Good work is good business—poor work is no business. Anyone wishing to remain here for any length of time should always turn out good work and his job will be secure."

Frank hopes to see some younger employe with interest enough to beat his length of service. He will retire sometime during this year.

TAX REDUCTION MEANS LARGER TAKE-HOME PAY

The take-home pay of David Bradley employes — as will that of approximately 45,000,000 other American workers—will henceforth be increased by the general reduction in Federal income taxes.

While the new revenue law became effective last Saturday, actually it is retroactive to January 1. Because of the higher collection rates in ef-

fect during January, February, March and April, every worker has built up a tax surplus.

All this, however, will be straightened out next year when the tax return for 1948 is filed.

NAVY BAND CONCERT TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets for the Navy Band Concert, to be held next Saturday at the Kankakee Armory, may be purchased at the Personnel Office. Price of the matinee performance is 90 cents and of the evening concert \$1.20.

8th Group of Sears Service Men End Training Here

The eighth group of service men from Sears Farm Stores located throughout the United States completed their training here on April 30. In the group were 18 men representing stories in New Jersey, Wisconsin, Texas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Kentucky, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana and Arkansas.

With the addition of this group a total of 160 service men from our Sears Farm Stores have received training here. This is not a high percentage of trained men when compared with a total of 400 or more Sears Farm Stores selling David Bradley equipment, but it does indicate we are progressing toward the goal of providing a factory trained service man for each store.

Meets Customers Needs

We are all conscious of the demand for service of the

present day consumer. Our service means that a farmer's equipment must be backed up by adequate parts service as well as technical knowledge to make necessary adjustments to insure proper performance. The Farm Store must be in a position to furnish prompt service on all equipment during the season when the implements are in use.

Increased future sales of our farm machinery depend to a great extent upon the prompt and efficient service we can furnish our customers. Our future at David Bradley, as well as Sears as a whole can greatly benefit by the knowledge and information.

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Salient Facts of Profit Sharing

To those employes eligible or about to become eligible for Sears Profit Sharing plan, the following statistics should be of interest:

That 70 per cent of the total employes at David Bradley are members of the Sears Profit Sharing Plan.

That 87 per cent of all employes who are eligible for the Profit Sharing Plan are members of the Fund.

That the average holding of the Profit Sharing members is \$2,000.

That the average deposits of our Profit Sharing members is less than \$750.

The opportunity to participate in this Fund is a privilege which should not be passed.



RONNIE GREGOIRE, Production Planning Department (seated, left), is receiving congratulations from Earl Goudreau, Chairman of the Suggestion Committee, upon receiving an award check for \$55.79, which creates a new record for suggestion awards to date. John Grimes, Production Planning Department, an award winner of \$17.29, looks on. Paul Martin of Department 36 also received an award of \$42.53, but was not available when this photograph was taken.

Dear David:

Today we all hear a great deal about simplification of work, methods, equipment and products in industry. Suppose we discuss the simplifying of products.

In a sense simplification is a philosophy which strictly discourages all unnecessary motions in business. It refers to the practice of reducing the variety of products made or sold by eliminating certain styles, sizes, or other diversifying qualities.

There are several reasons for simplification. One of the most prominent is mass production, although the consumer has also played an important role in their demands for an article which is functional and cheap.

Simplification is one of the greatest potential contributions to man's standard of living. By simplification the natural efficiency of mechanical production has eliminated wastes, decreased costs, and increased the value of the product in functional design and utility.

Manufacturers of farm machinery made 240 varieties of drills and seeders; today they make less than 40. They used to make 209 varieties of plows; now they make 30. Today 227 farm implements are doing the work for which a few years ago 2,135 were provided.

The loss and waste from needless diversification of a few years ago would doubtlessly be in the billions of dollars annually, while the successful efforts to lower selling prices, decrease costs, raise wages, and pay dividends have caused a mild revolution in industrial management. In these efforts simplification has proved its worth as a corrective and reconstructive measure in stabilizing industry on a new and sound basis.

Some of the gains to the manufacturer are: Less capital tied

up in raw materials; semi-finished and finished stock; jigs, dies templates and special machinery.

More economical manufacturing through larger units of production; reduced number of manufacturing units; longer runs, higher rates of individual production; accurate and proper estimating for production; more effective stock control; better and simplified inspection; less idle equipment; reduced equipment; less expensive handling of stock; reduced clerical overhead per unit produced; more accurate cost accounting and standardization of material inventories.

More efficient labor, due to simplified training of employes; better earnings, through increased individual production made possible by longer runs; skill increase by repetitive process; more regularized permanent employment.

Other gains such as smaller inventory of repair parts, better repair service, less chance of shipment errors, prompt deliveries, less obsolete material and parts, and better quality of products are very important to any business.

This is sufficient proof that simplification of products has played an important part in our national economy and deserves the respect and consideration of all of us to further this nature and value of its work in our own products.

A FRIEND

VICIOUS CIRCLE

It's a vicious circle for those who drink because they're worried and then worry because they drink.

PERFECT FORMULA

Formula for a sure accident: Two parts of alcohol, one part of gasoline and one hand around the girl friend while driving.

DANGEROUS WEAPON

Automobiles do not run down nearly so many people as gossip does.

NEEDED PARTS DISCOVERED



THIS PHOTO is of the "red paint" dip tank as it was removed from its position in the floor of the old Department 36. It discloses a hidden inventory of many piece parts that are, and have been, vital to meeting our production schedule. The piece parts and bundles dropped from the hooks and baskets while in the process of being dipped. It has been estimated that the tank contained \$5,000 worth of piece parts. Although most of this can be salvaged, the cost of this operation and the lost production due to the shortage of these hidden materials will be considerable.

GENERAL WOOD . . .

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space and play space, has lost his importance in the world.

"We've got to do for the city lads what we have done for the 4-H lads."

A Changing World

Reviewing the changing life of youngsters in American history, General Wood went on:

"In the pioneer days a boy had the fortunate experience of being important and of accepting responsibilities.

"He could work, hunt game and fish for family food and, if necessary, help defend his household in case of attack by hostile Indians.

"At that early period the boy on the farm was up at dawn to do his chores. Many trudged

weather. Returning home, he found more work to be done. He was a vital factor in the family existence.

Jobs to Be Done

"Even the city boy of that age had duties and satisfaction for his lot. Many a lad at 12 or 14 was already at a paying job, sometimes as the wage-earner of his family. His responsibility, too, came early in life.

"This country has changed, essentially, from a farming to an industrial existence, but even so, only the farm boy today can have the benefits of old.

"The city boy today has nothing much to do. He is surrounded by back-saving and time-saving inventions. He has no chores. Everything's done by somebody else. So the city boy doesn't grow into any responsibilities.

"It's impossible to change city life totally or to transplant these teeming thousands of lads from the pavements of the country. So we propose to bring the country into the city as much as possible."

Got Early Start

A boy's facing of responsibility in real life is no mere term to General Wood. As a boy—he was born in Kansas City, Mo., on June 13, 1879—he became acquainted with callouses. When a mere 16 he carried a rod and chain in a surveyor's party.

He was graduated from West Point, served as a cavalry lieutenant in the Philippine insurrection and helped Gen. Goethals in the building of the Panama canal.

In World War I he went overseas as an infantry colonel and later became acting quartermaster general. Afterward he joined Montgomery Ward and Company as Vice-President.

Active in War

In 1924 he moved to Sears, where he was named President and finally Chairman of the Board. In World War II he served as an adviser to the War Department.

General Wood is an energetic, ruddy-faced man with a military bearing and keen eyes of startling blue. He's no stuffed shirt. Nei-

SERVICE TRAINING . . .

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mation we are able to pass on to these service men in our training school.

In addition to instruction concerning our own implements, part of the time is devoted to training the men on other products sold by Sears, but manufactured by other companies, such as the milking machines made by the Elesco Manufacturing Company of Elkhorn, Wis., and the spray equipment for our Handyman Tractor, made by the Danville Manufacturing Company of Danville, Ill. These and several other companies send their service representatives here to receive instructions on their particular products.

Learn Proper Adjustments

In the school these men receive

instruction in the correct sequence of assembly to insure the implement of correct operation. This is usually done by actual setting up of implements and pointing out places where errors may occur. This is followed by instruction in various adjustments and settings necessary for the varied soil and climatic conditions under which the implement may have to operate. Changes and improvements are explained and the men are told why the engineering changes or improvements were made. The men in this way are kept abreast of the latest information available.

Practical field demonstrations are given after class whenever possible. In the field the men put to use the knowledge gained on adjustments in practical experience. After they have correctly set the new equipment they are divided into groups and required to correct implements which have purposely been placed out of adjustment. Knowledge of actual field problems are acquired in this way.

Through this school it is our hope to turn out well-rounded and qualified service men for every Farm Implement Department of Sears' organization.

ther is he a devotee of a fancy oratory. At a banquet once he assembled all the undelivered written speeches, handed them to an associate and said: "Just give these to a printer and have them put in a pamphlet."

Wood wears his expensive clothes as garments and not for sartorial effect.

At a banquet where Wood was stretched comfortably in a chair and getting unpressed, a friend said jokingly, "There's the general in a Sears suit."

Wood laughed at the crack, but the advertising department at Sears was stung into the retort: "If the general was wearing a Sears suit, he was wearing the finest material, styled by the most modern . . ." and so on.

Anyway, that's a picture of General Wood, the man who plans to bring the country to the city boys.

Search Begins for Employee With Best Non-Injury Record

Your Safety Department is conducting a search for the plant employe who has the longest record of continuous service without a single disabling injury. By a disabling injury we mean an injury that resulted from an accident which was severe enough to prevent the person from returning to work the day following the accident.

Someone in YOUR department is eligible to receive an appropriate prize. Take a few minutes to think it over. Who would you nominate as the man YOU believe

has the best accident and injury free record?

Write his name and department in the space provided for below and then either drop it in the nearest Suggestion Box, give it to your foreman, or return it to the Safety Department.

A committee will select the winner after getting the facts from our accident records.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT NON-INJURY AWARD

I believe that.....
of Department..... has the best accident record
in the plant.

MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH IS CHANGING

There has been a considerable shift in the incidence of disease and deaths from all major causes. Only a few decades ago tuberculosis was the major cause of death for the population as a whole, especially among young people from 15 to 29 years of age. Pneumonia also stood very high on the list, second only to tuberculosis.

The number of switches in major causes of death, and of illnesses as well, has been a reflection of the progress in public health, advances in medicine and surgery, expansion and improvements in hospitalization, improved social and economic conditions, improved housing, expansion of the safety movement, as well as the development of industrial hygiene in industry.

With the advent of the sulfonamide drugs, of penicillin and more recently of streptomycin, though the latter is still in the experimental stage, the conquest of many diseases at last seems probable. At least we now have

the means, though there still remains the large task of public and professional education and the appreciation of various available therapies.

In the overall picture, however, there is still much to be accomplished. An outstanding example is in the matter of accidents. In 1900 accidents stood ninth as the cause of deaths in this country. Last year this category moved up to fourth position. This, of course, presents a serious picture. Yet there are some modifying factors. Accidents have been pushed up the ladder, in part at least, because tuberculosis and pneumonia, for instance, have dropped down. The greater congestion, increase in motor vehicles and plant machinery are some of the major contributing factors. Much in the way of safety education remains to be done in the factory, on the farm, in the home, and on the public highway.

ADDITIONAL DONORS NEEDED BY 'BANK'

By FRANK SOVINSKI

The Kankakee County Civilian Blood Bank, Inc., in a recent release has submitted some very interesting facts on its activities. They are as follows:

The bank was opened on January 12, 1948. Up to March 31, 1948, 482 persons had received appointments as donors. Of these, 60 had cancelled their appointments for various reasons, 23 failed entirely to appear or cancel their appointments and 399 persons donated their blood.

Of the 399 pints of blood that were donated 315 were used. We can readily understand that these facts indicate the necessity of the Bank appealing for more donors.

The David Bradley men listed below were among the group who had given a pint of blood each as their contribution to a human life between April 6 and April 26.

Glen Metz, Tool and Die
Lyle Harshbarger, Maintenance
John O'Flaherty, Supervisor
Lloyd Wells, Implement Assembler

Stanley Rolfe, Supervisor
Finley Belcher, Supervisor
Edward Kerouac, Supervisor
William Korstick, Supervisor
Donald Burton, Tool and Die
Joseph Gustin, Supervisor
Russell Durand, Supervisor
Albert Hiatt, Supervisor

To these people, we at David Bradley who are responsible for our association with the Blood Bank, extend our most sincere gratitude. They have the consolation of knowing that they have contributed a part of their life-blood so that others might also live. That thought alone gives them much personal satisfaction.



O'Malley was quite a bright guy.
His I. Q. was tremendously high;
But one day he grew mulish,
Said goggles were foolish—
Now he's sporting a plastic right eye!

Jibes, Jests and Facts About Folks You Know

Machine Shop

By JERRY POWER

Ed Geistwhite just received his 15-year service pin and still looks as young as the day he entered the shop.

Ray Konigowski and Ray Hays entered the hospital last week for surgery and are getting along fine. Here is hoping they don't use white thread on Konigowski.

The big talk in the department is on property tax. It looks like a "Boston Tea Party" will have to be held to get the taxes down.

Walt Laskey is taking Hardie Dick's place, but he isn't the poet Hardie is.

There has been a cut-back in our department, but things look brighter now.

The four new drill presses that Rene Suprenant has been eyeing are now being moved over to our department. That should make him feel like a king.

Somebody can make Pat Regnier smile again. Just hand him back the pocketbook he lost with \$21 in it.

Everyone in the department is hoping Albert Barham's baby gets along alright. She is now in a Chicago hospital.

Don't be surprised if you see Larry Yonke with a house trailer one of these days so he can park right outside the gate at the factory.

Cy Belcher sure took the heart out of Wes Scott last week when he bowled a 233 game. Cy bought a new fishing outfit with the money and Scott had to sell a couple bushels of corn to make up for what he had lost.

Myron Moody is off with a sprained back.

Anyone who is thinking about building see Hank Neftzger. He is the business agent for the Roy Armstrong Building Company.

The man with that big smile and white hat on in Heelers Cafe was none other than our north side boy, Wayne Diercouff. Boy, can that man cook.

Assemblers and Paint Shop

Beware of Don Brinkman, girls! It seems that on his last date the girl friend came home with a broken leg. Not so rough there, Don!

The fellows would like to know who has the drag big enough around here to get the Saturday and Sunday gravy on the Tucker job?

Question: What happened to the springs that keep the welding booths' doors closed?

If you want any nice black pictures taken just call on Pearl LaFond.

Say, Joe Jakob, just what are you trying to do—take all the jobs around here? We saw you trying to get in on Don Bell's sweepers' gang. We all noticed him sweeping.

Congratulations are in order to Harold Bastin, who was married April 17. Lots of luck to both of you!

Lloyd Wells should be given a medal for bravery. He took a chance on giving blood Wednesday, April 28, and got married Saturday. Hope you made it Saturday, Lloyd.

Office (1st Floor)

By M. BOUCHARD

Vernyce Anderson, former secretary to Joe Graser, had a party recently for the Purchasing Department. Former employees of that department were in attendance — Katherine (McAndrews) Leutloff, Rita Mae (Hays) McCleary, Vera (Grizzle) McNutt and Germaine (LaMarre) Mackin. It was sort of a christening ceremony for Vernyce's new home.

Maxine Naas had quite a weekend recently, taking in a splash party, hayride, the musical "Show Boat"—what a whirl. Casualties—one ankle and one heart!

Al Keller has a prediction to make, and that is this: David Bradley will finish first in the

City Industrial Softball League.

My, what a long neck you have! Sam Coffman also has a prediction: That the Cubs will finish in third place this season. All bets will be accepted.

Dan Jett went to a fire recently—his own car. With the aid of a passing truck driver they managed to extinguish it without too much damage.

Harry Sahlin recently moved his family to Momenca, where he has purchased a home.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Ruth Collins, supervisor in the Accounting Department, celebrated her 20th year with David Bradley on May 1. Ruth was tendered a luncheon by the other supervisors in the Accounting Division and gifted with an "out of this world" piece of luggage. The girls in the office got together and presented her with a sterling silver dish and a beautiful orchid. Ruth has set somewhat of a record at Bradley, in that she is the only women employe that has a service record of 20 years here. Our congratulations is joined with that of the others.

Steel Stories

By THOMAS ROE

There is a question in our minds about Johnny Grimes. Johnny had his picture taken last week. Of course Johnny doesn't wear a necktie, but he was wearing one when his picture was taken. Tell us, Johnny, that tie couldn't have belonged to Mr. Neuman, could it?

Vernon Ward was working on the night shift. They laid off the night shift so Vernon went on days. Al decided if he wanted to keep Ward in shape he would have to put him on the tractor. After seeing him on it, he decided he had made a mistake. Al said they would have to put a larger seat and fenders on the tractors. When we asked why, Al said: "Well, Vernon has just got too much hanging over, that's all."

Tips from Receiving and Stores

By CLAYTON CURBY

Maurice Coffman recently received a gift from one of his fellow workers who had been laid off the Friday before. We can't say what it was, but if you care to find out just ask Coffman. Also, Bill, if you still receive this paper, Maurice asked us to thank you for the gift. He said they were too small and he doesn't wear silk ones.

Bill and Tony lost all of the second shift, so with all the bumping there is going to be done now, it will be rather hard to keep all their new help informed on what to do and how to do it.

Last week Ed Kerouac was called upon to give blood to the blood bank. He left here pretty lively, but by that evening he was not feeling too good. He had to bowl that evening and lost a little bet with Tony. We believe it was nearly the first time Tony beat Ed. Tony, why don't you have it fixed so Ed will have to visit the blood bank a little more often.

We just received last week's paper at our old address. There's one article in "Tips from Receiving and Stores" which we didn't remember seeing or writing. But we've found out who wrote the article. If Thomas Roe had seen our house while the wife was away he would have found it was as clean as his when he was taking care of his place while his wife was working.

Prairie was up at the bowling alley last Thursday night with his father. As you all know, Prairie is a so-called dealer in buying and selling junk—or should we say "cars." Well, anyhow, some fellow came up to Prairie and offered to trade him a goat and cart for a car. Prairie just walked away and we have never heard anything more of that deal. What happened, Prairie, couldn't you make any money on the deal?



Forgings

By HAROLD SIEFERT

Chester Rieken is back from his two weeks' vacation in California. Glad you had a good time, Chester.

Stanley Ignaczak, who had been a drop hammer man for 33 years gave up his job and is now helping Rex in the cleaning up department. Stanley says: "No more hammer for me."

As far as sunburn is concerned it looks as though Joe Dement has the jump on all of us. Joe has a real sunburn.

Frank Nottke finally managed to get back on days again after his long stay on nights. How does it feel, Frank?

Gay Hartman probably thinks he's dreaming, but he isn't. Gay is on days now, too, working with one of the share gangs.

Due to the shortage of steel, a lot of the "new looks" have disappeared from the Blacksmith Shop of 10. There are still a few on the first and second shift.

The third shift has disappeared. We all hope things will pick up soon.

The steel shortage seems to have brought about a shortage of news, also. So we'll just sign off for now and hope for the best.

Met. Lab. Notes

By JACK DRAVES

How come "Speedy" Hannover was passing out cigars on Friday the 23rd? Were they used as hush money, or for a specific purpose?

Once again Johnnie is giving his new car a workout. He made a fast trip to Evansville, Ind., to visit an old school chum over the week-end.

Jimmy has his yard (football field, so he says) all planted with spuds, etc. Not wholesaling—just making provisions for a full larder for next Fall and Winter. His goat kidded him after all, as all three young ones died at birth.

Jeanne's bowling team won three games on Saturday, April 24, while the Brown Jug lost three games. That left her team two games out of first place and they're all set for the play-off.

"Speedy" Hannover's dad is quite sick and our two-job man is showing the wear and tear of holding down both a farm and city job. More power to you, Handy!

Cecil spent Friday in Chicago at the American Chemical Society meeting, held at the Palmer House.

Jack says May 9 will roll around real fast, so prepare for Mothers' Day early.

Inspection Department

By RED DRAZY

Here it is—time for another roundup of news for our paper—so we'll pass on to you what news we've been able to pick up.

If anyone has a goat, young or old, that will eat grass, please contact Betty Bertrand. Betty

has just purchased a house and as yet she doesn't have a lawn mower. She figures a goat will accomplish the same purpose temporarily.

Bill Lustik, formerly of the Tool and Die Room, has transferred into the Inspection Department as the Tool Inspector. Glad to have you with us, Bill, and a lot of good luck on your new job.

Homer White has moved back to the Stoker Department as final inspector, now that the Stoker line is moving again. Dick Cremer, who has been working in the Machine Shop for the past year, is now back in the Inspection Department helping Homer White on the Stoker line.

Maynard "Honest John" Prairie is at it again! We don't have all the details on this particular deal, but you might know it has something to do with selling or trading a car. And if you're interested in a good sales talk, just ask Maynard to give you his "special line" on aluminum wear.

Don't anyone mention Aroma Park to Dick Heinze these days because that is a touchy subject with Dick. Seems as though he and his family were driving through Aroma Park when the car stalled and had to have some assistance to get back to Bradley. Keep your chin up, Dick. Some day stocks will go up and prices will come down and then you can get that new car.

That's all for now, folks. See you next time.

Office (2nd Floor)

By NAOMI PETERS

Congratulations to "Winchell" Scott and Rate Setters on the last issue. We're forced to admit you did a good job.

Hiram Whitcomb recently purchased a new home in West Kankakee. Since then he has been eagerly inquiring about a good company to exterminate the "white ants." Is that why there's so much sawdust around the house?

Many of us have missed Wally Bishop around this week. We hope he will be able to get the spring back in his feet and can be back soon.

Richard Nelson is a new draftsman in the Engineering Department. We hope he likes it at David Bradley.

It was reported to this column that Leo Pfau was seen pushing stock trucks in the Stoker Department. What are you trying to do, Leo, bump Peno off his job?

Maxine Bouchard was seen on the Hieland golf course last Sunday. Did yo'all shot "pah," Maxine?

Sunday, April 25—Merle Bloom to Mrs. Bloom: "Do you care if I go for an airplane ride with Harry Grumish?" "No, as long as the weather is OK," said Mrs. Bloom. Merle Bloom to Grumish: "Let's go to the airport to take a spin." Grumish: "Just a minute. I'll have to ask the boss. OK, she said I could go." After buzzing to three or four airports with no success, Grumish said: "Let's fly home." So Bloom

turned his new Chrysler toward Kankakee — up around Indian Oaks. Grumish told Bloom he had better pull up on the stick, that they didn't seem to have enough altitude. Bloom told him he was sorry, but he thought there might be a loose strut down in front. Harry thought that it had been a fizzle of a day for flying and thought they'd have a hard time selling the girls on another one next week.

Monday of last week was definitely Blue Monday in Material Control—for Macvene at least. The reason: Her beautiful Angora cat decided to venture into the Great Wide World. Something new for "Stinky," as he is—or was—a house cat. His travels were short lived, however. Tuesday morning Macvene greeted everyone with a smile. "STINKY" HAD RETURNED!"

Experimental Dept.

Aasland and Webster are back from Phoenix, Ariz., where they spent a week or more trying out some new machines. They brought back some weird and wild tales. Several stories would be censored if we attempted to print them. Vince said that years ago the Indians out there used to scalp white men but now the white men skin the Indians. Which is worse? Aasland met up with an Indian buck and got quite well acquainted with him. He found out that the Indian had become a preacher on the Indian reservation. "So you are a preacher, eh John?" said Aasland. "Ugh," said John. "How much do you get a year in salary?" "Uh, me get \$10 year." Aasland answered, "That's darn poor money, isn't it?" "Uh," said John, "Me darn poor preacher." Ask Aasland sometime how to catch polar bears. He has learned how.

One of our office girls, Genevieve Provoncal, is paying quite a lot of attention to a certain young man in the Cost Department, we understand. Wonder if she or they are trying to figure that old cost problem on the theory that two can live as cheaply as one. What say, Jeanne?

Paul Boudreau pulled a fast one. He said, "I wish my wife would quit her Spring house cleaning. I get tired watching her."

Harry Gilbert was overheard talking to himself. He was pretty smart in his logic, too, for this is what he said: "In the old days the man who saved money was a miser; nowadays he's a wonder."

Oscar Lanoue says: "Wine, women and song have been the downfall of many a good man, but the horses, those fine-looking dumb animals, have taken the best of men for a ride. Oscar must have been buying plenty of oats here of late!"

Frank Damler was on the sick list for a week, but came back to work with his bald head really shining. A fly landed on it and skidded right on across and off.

We were making a survey of our shop to see who had the largest family. It fell to Merritt Rantz, who has seven children. Merritt said they married, figuring their ship might come in—but all they got was a raft of kids.

Joe Fry has a new gleam in his eyes. He says his new girl friend knows her DARWIN backwards—she can make a monkey out of any man!

If anyone is in need of an entertainer for private parties, get in touch with our singer, "Gene Autry" or Paul Boudreau.

Vince Webster returned from Phoenix, Ariz., with a beautiful sun tan, which was envied by everyone in the department. When asked how he would like to live there, he answered: "For a man with an easy living it would be alright, but for an up and coming young man like me it isn't any good." Well, you are only as old as you feel.

Merle Bloom is sure keeping up his reputation of "Blossom." Now he's bringing flowers to Dorothy Saltsider. Wait 'til Gus gets in his hair. He will need a new fertilizer.

THE \$164 QUESTION



Well, anyway, it's a "perty" drawing and the Shop probably has another idea ready to be hatched!

David Bradley Golf League Members Make Plans for 1948 Season

A large group of David Bradley employees held a meeting on Thursday, April 28, and made plans to form a Golf League as part of the Summer activities. It was decided that intraplant teams of two men each should be selected from the list of those desiring to play. A handicap system will be determined so that everyone has an equal chance while competing. Each match of medal play will be recorded on a won-or-lost basis to determine the standing of each team. It is tentatively planned to

play at the Hieland golf course on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5 p.m. Officers elected to serve the David Bradley Golf League for the 1948 season were elected as follows: Earl Goudreau, president; Lavonne Juckett, vice-president; and A. T. Haden, secretary-treasurer. Several committees will be appointed later. All golfers interested in playing with this group are requested to turn in their names and average score to Mr. Goudreau's office in the Personnel Department before May 7, 1948.

Softballers Down Harvester Team In Practice Game

By ALBERT KELLER
The David Bradley Industrial League softball team really looks good. We have had three practice sessions to date. On Tuesday, April 27, we played a practice game with the International Harvester team and defeated them easily.

The City Park Committee already has the bleachers up for spectators. If anyone wants to watch the team in action they are welcome to come out.

By the next issue of the Pioneer Plowman we hope to be able to publish the schedule for the season.

DB TID-BITS

By —? David Bradley
Roving Reporter

Wayne Smith enjoys symphonic music, especially that which is put out by Weber's orchestra.

Now that Spring is here, Frank Ovnich would trade his present job in the plant for a chance to trim David Bradley's elm trees. Frank was a tree surgeon at one time, with 11 years' experience.

Rene Richard can't be convinced that "floor walking" comes along with the instructions for a new baby.

Each time Camille Riberdy signs one of the new First Aid forms, particularly one made out on "Headache," Camille calls for an extra aspirin for himself.

Elmer Mehrer saves a cup of coffee every two hours to anyone who gets injured in the line of duty. After all, who ever heard of drinking a Purple Heart.

Al Barham and Ray Hayes think square dancing is the thing, but can't explain why the room reels, when its only a square dance.

Jim Lovell gets up at 4 A.M. on Saturdays to go fishing—and aren't the neighbors complaining!

Al Hiatt goes to a Keymen's meeting and then upon returning home walks four times around the block. Says it helps his sinusitis. Such progressiveness in modern medicine these days. Grandpa had another name for it, however.

Why don't people stop annoying "Red" Drazy. They torment him by trying to buy tickets to the zoo.

Forrest Licht is quite the horticulturist. Roses are his specialty.

Paul Stevenson wishes for the good old days, giving memory to hours spent as one of the Chief Inspectors on the Shell line.

CLASSIFIED ADS

• BUSINESS SERVICES

ANYONE DESIRING THEIR garden plowed, see Jim Mallaney, Department 34. Call 4517-2 or 1319.

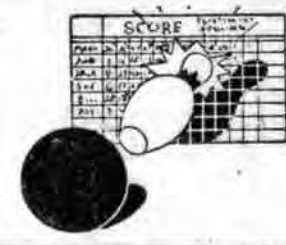
• FOR SALE

TWO-WHEEL TRAILER. SEE Adolph Rosenfelt, 542 S. Harrison, Kankakee.

VITA-AIR ICE BOX (50 LB. size) in good condition. Also seven wood frame window screens (24x55-in.) in good condition. See Royal Milk, 372 S. Grand, Bradley.

• WANTED TO RENT

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



DAVID BRADLEY

Maple Splinters

By FRANK SOVINSKI

Well, folks, another bowling season is ended. In a bowling league, like any other organized competitive sport, some team has to finish in first place and some team has to wind up last (no reflection intended, Mowers). We must admit, however, that our league helped the men in the plant, in the office, and the supervisors to become better acquainted—an important factor in furthering good relationship.

Herewith are the final standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Spreaders	55	35
Seeders	53	37
Stokers	51	39
Tractors	50	40
Disc Harrows	49	41
Shellers	47	43
Plow Shares	46	44
Cultivators	46	44
Wagons	44	46
Planters	43	47
Drag Harrows	41	49
Plows	40	50
Grinders	40	50
Hay Rakes	39	51
Hay Loaders	38	52
Mowers	37	53

HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL 22

"Long Tom" Kerouac hit high game for the night, shooting a 234 game. "Handsome" Don Billadeau hit 578 pins for high series. The 15th place Loaders hit high game and high series—851 and 2403. These scores, incidentally, were their top for the season, yet they lost two out of three games. "Murph" Riberdy, their captain, who is also our league president, says that it "ain't right!"

He did it! Finley "Curley" Belcher waited until the very last game of the season to break 200. And how! He rolled a 233 game. This score, with his handicap, gave him a 273 game, which tied Wes Scott for second and third high game—just two pins behind first place. Cy sure had Joe Gustin scared!

Last issue we kidded Milt Breault about keeping a 128 average all season. It must have made him mad, as he bowled games of 167, 161 and 191 for a 519 series, raising his average to 130. Nice goin', Milt!

This guy George Luke is about the most improved bowler in the league. He started with a 125 average and about the last third of the season really hit his stride. Since then he has raised his average to 134.

Kenny Erickson, in his final game, rolled 190—his high game for the season, yet his team lost to the Stokers by six pins.

The guy responsible for this was Larry Powers. His team was 27 pins behind with everyone finished bowling but Larry. This meant that he had to "turkey" out in order to win. What does he do but get the three strikes for a 191 game. He did the same thing the last frame of the first game to win by only two pins. With the pressure on that's bowling! Steve Gineris said, "Yea, and he picks on my team."

Bob Gibson bowled a 500 series, his first of the season. Bill Korstick's 393 series cost him a buck as Bob beat him by three pins for the season, giving him 20th high average. Bill should have kept that last ball out of the gutter.

We still think that Charley "Greaseball" Brinkman is the luckiest guy in the league. He must of had his boy, Elmer, setting pins for him the last night. Anyway, it cost us a couple of beers. Next time we'll check the pin boy.

A few comparisons: Last season's averages against this season reveal that Charley Pangle went from 137 to 153, Dick Beck from 146 to 150, Cowboy DeMoure from 129 to 140, Elmer Riberdy from 153 to 158, and Charlie Brinkman from 121 to 146. Some of us went into reverse: Roy Rathman went from 153 to 145, Red Taylor from 152 to 141, Ed Drazy from 169 to 154, Ray Hayes from 180 to 173,

Pop Nelson from 150 to 144, Walt Laskey from 140 to 133, and yours truly from 164 to 151. So now we wonder—was it the alleys or was it the guys throwing the ball. It's a subject open for discussion.

The Spreaders, besides winning the league, also had the honor of having bowlers who had hit individual high series and individual high game without a handicap. Tom Kerouac's 620 series was high and the writer's 253 game was high (just had to get that plug in somewhere).

SWEEPSTAKES FACTS AND GOSSIP

We were all sorry that Ray Hayes had to miss the tournament due to his recent operation. Earl Miller said that saved a "buck" on beer frames, as Ray had been hooking him all season.

You can now address "Slingin' Sam" Coffman as "Champ." Yea, after finishing the season with a 141 average, he goes out and hits a 233 game and 531 series in our tournament. These scores, with his handicap, gave him high individual game and high individual series for first place in each category.

The winners, their scores with handicap, and prizes are:

High Game

First—Sam Coffman (262)...\$10.00
Second and third (tie) Ed Drazy and Red Taylor (243).....\$14.00
Fourth—Joe Gustin (239)....\$ 5.00
Fifth—Ed Kerouac (238)....\$ 3.00
Sixth—Frank McNash (225) \$ 2.50

High Series

First—Sam Coffman (649)...\$10.00
Second—Roy Rathman (631)...\$ 8.00
Third and fourth (tie) Sy Buck and Red Taylor (629).....\$11.00
Fifth—Joe Gustin (608).....\$ 3.00
Sixth—Frank McNash (607) \$ 2.50

George Luke's 220 game missed the money by five pins. Eddie Drazy missed sixth place by two pins and Russ Durand by four pins. The majority of us should have "stood in bed," according to our averages. Oh, well, we had a lot of fun.

A tip for Cowboy DeMoure's teammates next season. Watch Cowboy on your beer frames. Your secretary knows—and is glad he is honest!

Don't ask Ray Dominiak, Bob Gibson, Kenny Erickson or Steve Gineris what they bowled their last games in the sweepstakes. Must have been rather low, as they were not even posted on their score sheets.

The last three bowling nights "Puss" Neuman hit over 550 pins each. So in the sweepstakes he gets games of 145, 104 and 133 for a big 382 series. What a night!

Well, gang, that's about all for this season of bowling. We're sure that all of us got better acquainted and had a lot of fun. Next season we plan on bowling at the new Marycrest alleys on East Court Street. We have promise of an early shift reservation in the middle of the week.

Don't forget our bowling party and payoff at 7:30 tonight—Tuesday, May 4—at the Bradley American Legion Home.

SAMMY SAFETY SAYS

Always Be Careful
—Your Carelessness
May Injure Others!



Extra alertness on rainy days in crossing streets is the March traffic safety lesson being dramatized in 32,000 classrooms in Indiana and Illinois receiving this safety poster from the Chicago Motor Club. This poster was awarded third prize in a national poster contest for high school students conducted by the Motor Club and organizations affiliated through the American Automobile Association. Accompanying the posters are supplementary lesson sheets especially designed for students of various elementary school ages to aid their instruction in traffic safety.