

## 170 Turn Out for Office, Second Floor, Outing at Recreation Park

### 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:

What are your plans for your vacation period?

**BETTY BERTRAND, Inspection:** I plan to spend my vacation at Nokay Lake, near Brainerd, Minn., trying to land some of the big ones that get away from everyone else. Maybe all I'll bring back is a good fish story or two, but I intend to have a good time, fish or no fish.



**JOHN CAMPBELL, Tool Room:** A long way in two weeks are my plans. First we hit Salt Lake City and then on to California to see my brother. Returning, we will visit the Grand Canyon, then Tucson, Ariz., where I have a sister who plans on returning with us. Oh yes, we'll see the Carlsbad Caverns also.



**MAERITA WERTZ, Personnel:** I am taking one week of my vacation this week so that I can go to Iowa to take part in my cousin's wedding. I plan on taking the second week of my vacation later in the season and so far I have made no definite plans for that period.



**MARVIN KRAFT, Tool Room:** On July 3, Eddie and Eleanor Flowers, my wife and myself will be on the road to Yellowstone National Park. We plan to take in the Black Hills on the way out and return by way of Colorado Springs. If time will permit, I would like to spend a day or two fishing for trout.



**MAXINE NAAS, Ind. Engineering:** On July 2, four girl friends and myself will leave by plane for a dude ranch near Muskegon, Mich. This ranch is noted for its sports activities and good meals. We are preparing for a relaxing week at the lake, and we'll still have a week left to do as we choose.



**JAMES MATHIS, Machine Shop:** The wife and I have been North, South and West so this year we plan on going East. At least we'll go as far as East Berlin, Pa., to see Bill Gross, who used to work here. Having four weeks of vacation is plenty nice, because you have time to do as you please without hurrying.



Employees of the second floor of the office and their families turned out 170 strong on Thursday, June 16, to make the first large picnic held in the David Bradley Recreation Park a huge success. The harmonious efforts exerted by the picnic committee, department heads and employees of the second floor are credited for the large turnout and huge success of the outing.

The program included games and races for the children and a "husband-calling" and "rolling pin toss" contest for women. The men resorted to the old standbys—softball and horseshoe-pitching. Besides participating in the games and races, the children had a wonderful time on the swings, teeter-totters and in the large sand box.

Weiners, to the tune of 48 pounds, were provided by the employees, and wives provided side dishes for the picnic lunch. The weiners were cooked in large kettles over the dutch ovens and the tables were laden with side dishes of salads, baked beans and cakes. The numerous and tasty cakes proved a small boy's heaven, besides providing a period of indecision for fathers who returned for a second piece.

Although the weatherman turned on a cool breeze, it had no bearing of the cordial friendliness exhibited by the employees and their families in an effort to become acquainted with everyone there—not to mention the proud fathers in their efforts to show off "Sonny" and "Sis." The spirit of friendliness must have been contagious to the children, because everyone spoke of their wonderful behavior.

In an effort to give credit to the picnic committee for the success of the affair, they only smiled and said, "We didn't do anything except what we were supposed to do. The credit goes to the employees and their families for their splendid cooperation." Aside from their shyness, a great deal of credit should be given them, because of their efforts in putting up poster announcements, sending invitations, soliciting funds, purchasing provisions, preparing the program and securing the cooperation of everyone to start at 7 o'clock on Thursday morning, instead of 8 o'clock, so that the picnic could begin promptly at 3:30 p.m.

On the picnic committee were John Coffman, chairman, Stanley Hill, Rex Bainter, Amos Neptune, Hal McCleary and Clarence Neuman.

General Manager Ralph Rogers and Mrs. Rogers were guests of the group and thoroughly enjoyed themselves along with the rest of the group. The success of this first large group picnic thoroughly demonstrates the worth of the employe Recreation Park and, through just such affairs, is the only way in which employes can show their full appreciation of this worthy project.

### James McCue, Retired David Bradley Employee, Is Dead

James McCue, 85, of 311 South Center Avenue, Bradley, died at his home on June 14 after an illness of several months. Mr. McCue had retired from David Bradley about 15 years ago, after over 33 years of loyal service.

Surviving are his wife, Amy; two daughters, Mrs. R. O. Clark and Miss Mary McCue; a son, Jesse, and a sister, Mrs. Hattie Gannon.

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon of last week, with the Rev. R. L. Harrell, pastor of the Central Christian Church, officiating. Interment was at Plato, Ill.

All David Bradley people extend their deepest sympathy to the surviving members of the McCue family.

## Elmer Riberdy Dies While Playing Golf

It was a shock to all of us when we learned of the sudden and untimely death of our good friend and co-worker, Elmer Riberdy, 45 years of age, who died while playing golf in the plant league at the Kankakee Valley golf course on Wednesday, June 8.



Elmer was among the first foursome, his partner, Steve Gineris, Russ Durand and Wayne Cunningham, to tee off. Upon pitching his ball up to the eighth green, it fell into a bunker to the left of the green. After others of the foursome had played their ball to the green, Cunningham walked over to see what had delayed Elmer and discovered him lying face down in the grass. A physician and an ambulance were summoned immediately but he was pronounced dead upon the doctor's arrival. At a coroner's inquest it was indicated that he had died of a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 11, from St. Patrick's Church in Kankakee with burial in Mt. Calvary.

Elmer, a tool and die maker in our Tool Department for the past eleven and a half years, was born on July 26, 1903, in Kankakee, and on September 26, 1925, was married to Beulah Hester. Mr. and Mrs. Riberdy resided at 668 North Dearborn Avenue, Kankakee.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three brothers, Camille, Supervisor of our Sheet Metal Shop, Paul and Ervin, and a sister, Harriet Kravat, all of Kankakee.

All David Bradley people join us in extending our deepest and most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Riberdy and the survivors in the loss of one so dear to them.

## Plan on Making Your Vacation A Safe One

By FRANK SOVINSKI  
Safety Director

As this issue of the Pioneer Plowman is the last one prior to the start of the vacation period for the majority of our David Bradley folks, we are taking this opportunity to pass on to you a few tips on ways to enjoy a safe vacation.

If you are traveling by automobile, drive carefully, and be certain your car is in good condition.

Avoid overexposure to the sun; get your sun-tan gradually.

Be very careful of lakes or rivers that are strange to you while fishing or swimming. Do not go swimming for at least two hours after eating.

Beware of obnoxious plants, weeds or vines when camping or picnicking. Poison ivy or poison oak is dangerous.

Give immediate attention to all small cuts, bruises, abrasions, etc. Keep a first aid kit at hand.

Be careful at home. Should you be painting or making repairs on your house, use good, safe ladders and be sure they are firmly anchored.

Avoid strenuous exercises, both

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### WORKERS ON LAY-OFF MAY SECURE WORK ON INVENTORY

There will be temporary work available on inventory, beginning July 5. Those interested are requested to notify Mr. Girard, Employment Manager, on or before June 27.

### An Open Letter to All Employees . . .

As the next issue of The Pioneer Plowman will reach you after the vacation period starts, I wish to take this opportunity to wish each of you a "Happy Vacation."

RALPH ROGERS, General Manager

## Bill Neuman, Tool Room Machinist, Retires from DB

Wilhelm ("Bill") Neuman, Tool Room machinist, retired on June 10. It was on June 8, 1884, in Kankakee, that Bill loudly proclaimed to the world that he had arrived, but little did his parents know that this small one would later devote his entire working life to the machinist's trade—and that's just what Bill did.

Bill learned the machinist's trade at the Foley & Williams Sewing Machine Company, completing his apprenticeship about 1905 and following the trade until retirement.

The name of Wilhelm Neuman was first entered on the Bradley payroll on October 2, 1916, and it stayed until the shutdown in 1921. Then it was reentered in 1926 and remained until 1928 when Bill left to go to Manco's. In September, 1935, Bill was promised two weeks' work at Bradley, which turned out

### "20 Year" Club Will Hold Meeting Wednesday

The David Bradley "20 Year" Club will hold its semi-annual meeting at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, June 23, at the new David Bradley recreation park. The park is located across North Street, at the north end of the plant.

To be eligible for the club, members must have completed 20 or more years of continuous service. All members have been invited to attend this meeting and to greet their old friends once more.

Lunch and refreshments will be served on the grounds.

to be almost 14 years of steady employment.

To raise a family of six girls and two boys is no small task, according to Bill, but to have them all grown, married and healthy and, in turn, present him with 16 grandchildren is something to be proud of.

For a hobby Bill likes nothing better than to travel. In fact, he has been to California three times since 1940. Last year he and his

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## Suggested Improvement Gets Steady Job for Assembler Harold Knecht

Harold Knecht, our "old-timer" for this issue, came to David Bradley on temporary employment to do inventory work on June 1, 1925. Now, 24 years later, he smiles when he thinks about it, because he has lost only three months' work during that time.



His first 13 years were spent in the Parts Department, where he started by helping take inventory. He then transferred to Assembly, a department with which he has since been connected, except for war production and military leave. His transfer to Assembly occurred under unusual circumstances. It seems that in making a delivery of piece parts to the Assembly Department he was criticized for the placement, which he thought was correct. In a discussion that followed it was suggested that he be transferred to the Assembly Department and run the particular job under discussion. That's just what happened and Harold must have been right, because he has been assembling ever since.

Harold was born on February 1, 1909, in Kankakee. He completed his schooling at Bradley High School. On February 15, 1936, he was married to Goldie Scheppler,

and today they have two children, Joyce, eight years old and James, ten months old.

He was one of the first to go into war production here at Bradley—in 1942—and was inducted into the infantry of the United States Army on May 3, 1944. He shipped overseas to the Philippines in April of 1945, where he spent a year before returning to the States. On May 10, 1946, he received his discharge from the Army and a month later returned to the Assembly Department. Harold said he wouldn't take anything for his experiences in the Army—but enough is enough!

For hobbies he claims to like all sports, but plays favorite to bowling. He is one of the better keggers, with an average of 179. Much credit is due him for his influence in starting the factory bowling league.

Harold is of the second generation of Knechts to work at Bradley. Two of his brothers also worked here at one time. He is a member of Profit Sharing and the "20 Year" Club. Harold claims that on several occasions in his earlier years here he considered leaving Bradley, but his better judgment always prevailed, for which he is thankful now.

To this "old-timer," who turned temporary employment into a full-time job, we wish many more fruitful years here at David Bradley.

# These Folks Were on Hand When Recreation Park Was Dedicated to David Bradley Employees



Ralph Rogers, general manager (foreground, left) and Clarence Lock, Mayor of Bradley, back of bronze plaque, just after the dedication of the David Bradley Recreation Park.



Above are shown members of the Park Committee, who were responsible for the planning and execution of the necessary work to create the Recreation Park. Left to right, they are Lawrence Dionne, Gordon Wright, Don Bell, Frank Sovinski, Van Emigh, Charles Pangle and Frank Schultz. These men received much praise from Mr. Rogers in his dedication speech for the magnificent job they accomplished in transforming a run-down tract of land into something that would be useful to all David Bradley employes and their families for many, many years to come.

## Dear David:

The other day I overheard a couple of the boys discussing our national wealth. One of the boys remarked: "Boy, I sure could stand a little distribution of that wealth right now." Well, Dave, I wonder if that boy ever stopped to think that our national wealth consists of the accumulated savings of generations of our people. That it is represented in such forms as land, railroads, factories, machinery, homes, furnishings, automobiles, livestock, farm machinery, public buildings, telephone systems and equipment of all kinds.

The ownership of wealth is more widely distributed in the United States than in any other country. Nevertheless, there are some who say that our national wealth should be evenly divided among all the people. If all the wealth of the country were in the form of cash money, then it might be physically possible to divide this cash up equally among all the people. There are some unknowing persons who labor under the mistaken belief that wealth is money and that

most of it is in the pockets of a few wealthy persons. Therefore, their idea of this distribution or sharing of wealth is to dip into these pockets, pull out the cash and pass it out. But we know that money is only a measure or yardstick of wealth. Cash money, which is one form in which wealth may be held, is only a very small part of the total wealth of this country. The real wealth of this country is in the form listed above.

Let us take as an example of a block of wealth our own factory, which we will say is a five million dollar factory. We speak of it as a five million dollar factory because, in terms of the money yardstick, the factory represents five million dollars worth of wealth. There is no practical way to divide this five million dollar factory among the people of this community. If the building were pulled down and bricks divided, then the factory would no longer represent five million dollars worth of wealth. It is impossible, in any practical way, to distribute the wealth represented in our factory so that each person in the community will have placed in his hands an amount of money repre-

sending his share of the factory.

Let us take our railroads as an example of another form in which great wealth is concentrated. It would not be practicable to divide up the wealth represented by railroads by deeding over to each of our 140 million people a quarter mile of the railway roadbed.

It is estimated that if our total national wealth were evenly divided among our 140 million people, each individual's share would be something around \$3,000. However, in the process of distributing the wealth, we would destroy the value of most of it, because most of it is not in such form that it could be divided up and passed around. We have seen, in the example of our factory referred to above, that when this is done, we no longer have a productive factory. When it is not productive, it is without much value. Its value is determined by the production that comes out of it.

The plain fact is that there is no practical way to distribute equally our national wealth. Human nature is such that if we could distribute the national wealth, it would be only a short time before it would again be held very unequally. Some people would soon have none, and others would hold possessions of large wealth.

The only just and practical way in which an individual can increase his share of wealth is to increase his share of production. The only way to get more is to produce more. Income of the nation is limited by total production of the nation. This principle also applies to individual income. To get more income, one must produce more. How much of this income one saves and accumulates will determine what wealth an individual can acquire.

A FRIEND

## VACATION SAFETY . . .

(Continued from Preceding Page) while engaging in sport activities or working about your home.

Above all relax and rest up.

The principal purpose of a vacation program is to give people time to relax and to do the things they enjoy the most in accordance to their means.

So regardless of whether you go on a trip or remain at home, use a substantial part of your vacation period in resting up.

Do the things you have planned to do and enjoy them. However, do them in a safe manner. David Bradley needs you and wants you back on the job in good physical condition.

## BILL NEUMAN . . .

(Continued from Preceding Page) wife took a bus trip through the Western states. He claims this is ideal because you can stop where you please, look around, rest up and then take off again. Now that he is retired, Bill plans on taking it easy and doing more traveling.

To this "old timer" we wish many years of good health and many miles of pleasant traveling.



In the foreground is Harry Gilbert (left) of the Experimental Department, examining one of the dutch ovens in the Recreation Park. Mr. Gilbert commented on the beauty and construction of the ovens and said he wouldn't mind having one in his back yard. The others in the picture are (left to right) Mrs. Gilbert, Walter McIntosh and his granddaughter, "Pat" Pattengale and Mrs. Charles Pangle. "Pat" is a pattern maker in the Tool Room.



This group of kiddies were to be found in the large sandbox most of the afternoon of the dedication. Of course the larger boys in the background crowded in, too, just to have their pictures taken. The sandbox proved to be worthy of the investment in amusing the little ones after Dad or Mother tired of swinging them in the large swing. The suggestion to build smaller swings for the younger tots has met with the approval of the Park Committee and Mr. Rogers.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE** — 23-ft. 1948 Glider House trailer; all aluminum; sleeps four. See Fred Cross, Experimental Department.

**FOR SALE** — Zenith combination table model radio and phonograph; also girl's bicycle, like new. See Norman Pelowski, Machine Shop or call at 296 South Douglas, Bradley.

## MODERN MARY

At the supper table one night on the farm, the hired man was telling about a breeder who was developing a strain of sheep for speed. "He tells me," the hired man said, "that he's got lambs now that can run 40 miles an hour."

"But why does he want lambs that can run 40 miles an hour?"

"To keep up with Mary," he replied.

## DAMAGING ADMISSION

Patient: "Doctor, isn't it somewhat out of your way to visit me here?"

Doctor: "Not too bad. I have another patient nearby, so I'll kill two birds with one stone."

"What would you do if you were in my shoes?"  
"Polish 'em."

*Sammy Safety*  
Says

"STAYING ALERT  
BEATS GETTING HURT"

## After Korstick-Schmidt Nuptials



Mr. and Mrs. James Schmidt as they prepared to cut their wedding cake at the reception in the Gold Room of the Kankakee Hotel. About 100 guests were present. Mrs. Schmidt was the former Barbara Korstick of the Material Control Department.

# Jibes, Jests and Facts About Folks You Know

## Experimental Splatter

By HARRY L. GILBERT

By the time this issue is in our hands, vacation trips will be in order. It is a wonderful thing to think about, and we should all be happy that we work where we can realize a paid vacation. This is one of the many benefits received at David Bradley. When everyone returns from vacation, we expect to hear some marvelous experiences; some will be printable, some may not. Fish stories will be perhaps the most popular. Auto trips and those who stay home to rest, or complete a year's homework in two weeks, may come next. But just a word of advice to you who are going on a trip: remember that an automobile is fastened together with hundreds of bolts and nuts but the nut behind the wheel can scatter it all over the road in a moment.

Sometime ago we traded our gentleman timekeeper for a beautiful young lady, who is a very accurate timekeeper. If any of the cards are not to her liking, she always comes in to our department to get them straightened out. Now some of the boys are wondering if Ed Drazy really forgets to make out his time card every night, or does he forget it on purpose just to keep her coming to his bench every morning. I guess some of the rest of us will try the same thing and see if we can get a stand-in like he has. How about that, Ed?

One of our late discussions recently was this. You get up in the morning and put on a good pair of socks. At night you find a hole in the heel nearly as large as the heel itself. Now Merritt Rantz wants to know, "Where does that material disappear to?" Well, it is quite a puzzle but Fred Cross, who knows everything and the price of it, started to explain all about the matter and, as usual, started to stutter and repeat. Before he got started on his straight-away, the darned whistle blew and out we all went to work. So really we didn't find out where that material went, and Cross finally gave up the idea and went to work.

On Saturday, June 4, David Bradley dedicated a brand new park and picnic grounds for the use of its employees and their families. The dedication was very brief and to the point but very nice. Mr. Frank Sovinski was Master of Ceremonies, introducing Mr. Rogers who gave a short talk. Then the Honorable Mayor of Bradley was introduced, who also gave a brief talk, which was followed by several pictures being taken for this paper. After that we all were to enjoy the new park, and here is the way we see it.

After the dedication ceremonies, we all returned to the north side of the park, where there are several very large trees and abundance of shade. Under these mighty monarchs are located three picnic tables large enough to accommodate about three average families (just right for a picnic). Remember, Bradley has built all this for you and your family just to enjoy the fresh, clean air and to have recreation facilities. Close to these beautiful tables are eight very safe swings for the kiddies. We know they are safe because that is where we found Harry Gilbert swinging away with the rest of the little tots, and he seemed to be having just as much fun as if he had his right mind. Between a very pretty little orchard and the main road is the ball diamond with a large backstop screen. A very safe and beautiful ball park, which is another very fine feature. A hot game was going on there but we didn't get the score. Believe me, those boys play ball just like they work in the factory—they sure kept the old apple on the go. Over in the northwest corner are the horseshoe stakes, which also showed some excitement. Some of those farmer boys who are used to pitching (but not horseshoes) sure can lay those shoes close to the pegs, and some really threw ringers. The park also has very clean rest-rooms. In all there wasn't anything left out to create fun and recreation. We forgot to mention the sandboxes and teeter-totters for the smaller ones. To all those fellas who didn't get there we say,

you really missed something, and Mr. Rogers and his committee hope all the employees will use this park as their own and enjoy every bit of it. If you all do, then they will feel that the money and effort used will be well spent. Now, boys, don't let them down because remember they did it for you and your family.

One way to get away from home and have a good time (or we might say a good look) is to have an excuse and Elmer Mehrer has that excuse and gets by with it too. Now Elmer has a very sweet little granddaughter whom he almost worships, which is all right as yours truly does his granddaughters also. Now like all little girls she likes to play in the park where the white and colored girls play softball. Now Elmer is quite a ball fan but, after watching every play from start to finish, after the game was over another fan who came in late asked Mr. Mehrer who won the game and what the score was. Elmer said, "Dagbust it if I know." Now what part of the game do you think Mr. Mehrer was really watching? Well that's all right, Elmer, we promise not to tell the Mrs.

Some of our boys who always see everything, suggested we get together and either get Fred Cross a new pair of glasses or a chauffeur. Now this is why. Last Monday morning he came to work as usual in his dirty clothes truck and as usual, trying to show what a good driver he really is, he tried to back the contraption in a place which wasn't as wide as the truck and scratched about 75 cents worth of paint off of Merritt Rantz's truck. Now when it came lunch time, Mr. Cross decided to move his truck to a different location to be sure that it did not get scratched up and in doing so, he backed right smack dab into another man's car. Now the boys would like for him to learn to drive, get glasses so he can see where he is going or else get himself a parking lot all of his own. Good drivers are not always safe drivers.

Our thought for the day may be this one: It's a lot more fun to be a living coward than a dead hero, so let's all practice Safety first.

## Cutting-In Slugs

By S. GILL and C. LAFOND

Our fellow worker, Lahners, recently received a head injury through an industrial accident which amounted to five stitches to sew up the laceration, two days' loss of production, two days' paid compensation, a good deal of suffering and a bad mark on our safety record. Now we all felt sorry for Lahners and we don't mean to use him as an example, but this is what happens when we fail to follow safety rules.

Now here is another angle expressed by our boss, Mr. Boule. "Experience has shown that efficient production requires a competent group of employees, free from personal injuries. The occurrence of accidents hampers operations, demoralizes the organization and interferes with the work of supervisors and men."

"Aside from compensation and medical expense, accidents have been found to increase overhead and production cost. Often materials are spoiled, machinery injured or tools are damaged. Occasionally, as a result of accidents, orders may not be completed on schedule; machinery may stand idle; or, because of the substitution of a less competent man for the injured employee, the quality of the output may be lowered. In cases of permanent disability, time and money are spent training another employee for the job while in some cases the disabled man is kept at regular wages, although performing less skilled work. These are some of the costs which tend to raise the unit cost of our products. Efficient production requires the prevention of accidents." Mr. Boule has several points for us to consider on safety aside from avoiding personal injury, which we should give consideration to in our effort to keep the departmental cost down.

Since the last issue Eldon Castongia has brakes on his new car,

## DAVID BRADLEY RETIREES



WILHELM ("BILL") NEUMAN (left) is shown saying farewell to his supervisor, Joseph Gustin, on his retirement from the Tool Room. Bill has followed the machinist's trade all his working life and has been employed at Bradley on two occasions. He plans to do a great deal of traveling in his retirement.



EMILE GOUDREAU (left), who retired May 26, is shown bidding farewell to Supervisor Don Bell. Emile, or "Chief," as he was familiarly known, completed 16 years at David Bradley. His first work here was the organization and maintenance of a plant fire brigade, which is still going strong. This "old-timer's" write-up appeared in the last issue of The Pioneer Plowman.

Junior Benjamin has a new Plymouth of which he is mighty proud.

Reed and Karr were recently presented with an alarm clock for doing a little over-sleeping one morning. This was done to avoid the boys from becoming accustomed to banker's hours.

The question was raised as to having our timekeeper change the brand of his cigars, as the smoke annoyed Ollie Green—or was it the smoke?

Wonder when Rokus will finish his new home? Every time it rains, he gets a worried look. Wonder why it isn't built on stilts?

Wanted—a cap for Sage. Seems as though someone cut his in half.

Oh yes, Gabe Legris is sporting a new car too—a political six.

For every effort there is some reward. When Cecil Elsey cleaned his machine recently, he was given smiles from all the boys.

## Steel Yards

By JESSIE BROUILLETTE

Shorty Hansen reports that his brother, after a tough struggle, has made the grade and is feeling a lot better at this writing.

Raymond Guttendorf became the proud daddy of a bouncing baby boy on June 15th. CONGRATULATIONS to the proud parents!

Frank Weedon looks more like Bing Crosby every day now that he is smoking his pipe.

Tom Cardosi is going to turn out to be a No.1 farmer from all reports. He must have a nice garden.

Johnnie Grimes just can't seem to make up his mind what he wants to be—a second Isaac Walton or a Middlecoff—that is, a commercial fisherman or a professional golfer.

Don Billadeau has left us for

awhile. Hurry back, Don, we miss you and Johnnie Grimes arguing about who does the most work.

Pelehowski just got home one afternoon last week and he was called back to extinguish a small roof fire on the Foundry. Good work boys.

Yours truly went to pay her respects to a few friends who passed away last week. I never shook hands with so many undertakers before—better cut that out or they will be shaking hands with me.

## Machine Shop

By JERRY POWER

Now that Roy Armstrong has issued everyone the "Blue Book", according to Rantz, we're all on an equal basis with Messerle.

The sun never shone in the state of Wisconsin during the month of May or Art Blanchette would have some pictures of the fish they caught.

Last Sunday Al Guenette and his family were down to the river watching the boats go by when along comes one doing about 2 knots. Al's kid says, "Daddy, here comes a slow number." Al says, "No, son, that's Cy Belcher with his new motor!"

Charley Pangle went fishing over the weekend, and then Monday noon his car wouldn't start. Some of the boys are wondering if Charley forgot to take all the fish out from under the hood.

The old Chevy that Elmer Meyers owned for so long has become a family heirloom. On a recent trade he passed it on to his brother-in-law, Norman Pelowski.

Anyone looking for Ray Hayes after 3:30 in the afternoon just check anyone of the holes out at Hieland.

We all know that Roy Armstrong has the fastest car in the department, but it is still a mys-

tery why he hasn't entered it in the Stock Car Races. He claims he is going to drive to California in 36 hours. Well if he can't make it, we know Cavendar can.

We understand that Cocker Bill was a referee at a wrestling match at the Sand Bar recently. Next time, Bill, keep away from the water.

To be in the Machine Shop and become a grandfather requires a man with a lot of fortitude. It seems when Henry Neftzger came to work the other afternoon, the boys had him fixed up with an easy chair, foot stool and pipe. A big sign read: "Take it easy, grandpa." Well, anyway, congratulations, Hank.

One noon recently we thought there was a riot at the back gate but it turned out that someone just forgot to unlock the gate.

If the operator on machine 67 would only remove his teeth when chewing gum, he would look just like Art Blanchette.

## Forgings

By HAROLD SIEFERT and JOE DeMENT

Leo Richa sure is getting to like all these "hot" jobs he's been getting. Leo says it's good for his complexion.

Little Harry Wolfe surprised everyone last week by getting himself married. Why don't you let somebody in on things like that, Harry?

Mac McKee says his waistline is a size forty but a forty-two feels better. My, my! Edwin "Kingfish" Ciercya isn't very far behind. About a thirty-eight isn't it, "Fish"?

Lawrence Sommers says he's more than glad to give his fan to anyone that needs it on one condition, of course. He wants to have his "upset" machine moved outside. You'll need a pretty big umbrella then won't you, Lawrence?

Leroy Matthews likes the job he's got now, but he likes his other one better. Leroy has charge of ordering all the beer for the annual Blaksmiths' picnic June 25. Leroy wants everybody to get those donations in so he'll have something to work on. Let's all give our cooperation, fellas.

I don't know what to make of all this publicity I've been getting from Joe Robins lately. They tell me they call him "Radar Joe". He's one of those guys that sees all, tells all and knows all. In case no one knows, "Radar Joe" is the Second Floor office reporter.

## Scraps from Second

By JOE ROBINS

Congratulations to Gordon Wright on completion of 15 years' service with the company.

Hal McCleary has a new blue Pontiac panel truck.

Ashton Miner and Jim Billadeau are on their vacations at the time this is written.

"A mere surplus of outgo," is Merle Anderson's simple explanation of the failure of a budget.

Not so long ago, ten girls, including our own Diane Duchene and Ann Rashinkas, enjoyed a picnic in the new company recreation park. They played on the swings and the teeter-totters; they played ball and leap frog. Diane managed to pour a bowl of baked beans down her front. The girls commented on the cleanliness of the park and they think the fireplaces are splendid.

Just wanted to say thanks to Barbara Schmidt for thinking of us here at the office while on her honeymoon. We enjoyed the card we received from Wyoming.

Welcome to Warren Lezotte, who was formerly a lindex clerk in Department 67, and is now with Material Control. Warren tells us that he considers this an advancement, but more than that, he says he enjoys the surroundings and the people he is working with. Incidentally, Warren has just begun a two-year course of study with LaSalle Extension University.

Andy Rivard went to Milwaukee for the week-end.

John Grimes took Don Billadeau and Schlemmer on a fishing trip. He tried to teach his system, but

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