

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 do you think each individual worker should do to help keep our plant clean?

CURTIS KARE: To keep the plant clean, each individual should place waste paper, scrap metal and cigarette butts in containers placed about the plant for this purpose. Clean up machines, tools and work area while on down time or any convenient time. Pick up piece parts which have fallen from bunks and trucks when passing through the plant.



LEO RICHA: This is not a laughing matter. Keeping a place clean is no trouble as five minutes of each worker's time, before going home, can keep it clean. This cooperation from each employe will lower the burden of those who try to keep it clean. A clean place is also a safe and sanitary place to work.



MARY KASSMAN: I think everyone should take an individual interest in helping to keep the factory clean instead of leaving it to the ones that are regularly assigned to that work. By that I mean that when you see something lying around that doesn't belong there and you know where it goes, put it back where it belongs.



BILL MULLETT: If everyone working in the plant would pick up whatever he drops, it would eliminate about two-thirds of our cleaning problem. By so doing he would also keep his own work area clean, which would make his own work easier. Another thing many fail to do is straighten up their work benches before leaving. Doing this will improve general appearance.



PAUL DORIS: Each employe should do his part to help keep our plant clean by keeping his work area as clean as possible while working and leaving it clean at the end of his shift. Another point is to not throw your work material around while at work. Try to keep it in an orderly fashion, giving the department a neat appearance.



ARCHIE ARSENEAU: To keep our plant clean, each employe should consider the plant as his home. After all, isn't it his home for eight hours of the day? I am sure they don't throw scrap paper on the floor there, or leave their tools on the kitchen table. Always remember to put things in their place.



The sinews of American labor are as powerful as the weightiest iron chains. Together, man and machine enviably produce a wide world of goods . . . praised around the world!

LABOR DAY

DB Blood Donors Aid Employe

Recently hospitalized and was in need of additional blood. The men listed below answered an appeal from the Kankakee County Civilian Blood Bank as donors:

Al Prince, Implement Welding
Kenny Erickson, Implement Assembly
Everett Rieck, Tool & Die
Frank Sovinski, Personnel
Hal Pagnier, Stoker Assembly
Forrest Snodsmith, Receiving
John Spaulding, Tool & Die
Harry Grumish, Supervisor
Al Hiatt, Supervisor
Foster Walker, Implement Assembly
Francis Goselin, Paint Shop
Lyle Smith, Maintenance

To these men we offer our sincere thanks.

ately in need of blood and we are appealing to our people to submit their names to either the nurses or the Safety Director, who will arrange an appointment with the Blood Bank. Won't you help?

Miss Agnes Anthony, Technician of the Blood Bank, will be in the First Aid room in the new manufacturing building from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 3, to type blood.

Any David Bradley employe not aware of the type of his or her blood may get the desired information by contacting the Safety Director or the nurses, who will arrange a schedule of blood typing.

28-YEAR MAN LIVES IN 'THE HOUSE THAT PROFIT SHARING BUILT'

Fred (Red) Therien, our Grinding Room inspector, was born in St. Anne, Ill., on February 25, 1883. After graduating from the local grade school he worked on a farm until he reached the age of 21, when he moved to Kankakee and procured work at the Kankakee State Hospital.

Several years later he returned to St. Anne and went to work for the Public Service Company. He also served as chief of the local voluntary fire brigade.

On October 10, 1905, he was married to Lorrena Sprimont. Three children were born to this marriage — Mrs. Hazel Benoché, Mrs. Marvel Ball and a son who died at the age of 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Therien moved back to Kankakee in 1910 and Fred started to work in our Forge Shop the following year. He worked on all the drop hammers, presses and bulldozers, and was later promoted to the heat treat crew.

He resigned late in 1918 and returned to David Bradley on April 5, 1920, as a plow share polisher, where he remained until July, 1943, when he accepted a transfer to the Inspection Department, where he remains.

Fred recalls the old days when the old grinding wheels were large, cumbersome sandstone wheels and were driven by double flat belts on overhead line shafting. The dust in the air was so thick that it was impossible to identify another person from a

distance of more than 50 feet.

"Red" says that he will never forget the time when the grinding and polishing gang returned to work after the vacation period back in 1935. While they were off work a new, modern exhaust system had been completed and was in operation upon their return. He said that most of the boys, upon being able to see from one end of the room to the other, thought they were in the wrong department.

David Bradley is still rather proud of the lighting and exhaust systems in "Red's" work area. Every inspector, salesman or visitor who called on Jerry George, Johnny O'Flaherty or Elmer Carpenter has praised this department.

Mr. and Mrs. Therien reside at 459 South Sixth Avenue, Kankakee. They refer to their home as "the house that Profit Sharing bought." "Red" also is a member of the Group Insurance Plan, and the "20 Year Club."

Fred will be leaving us on Friday, September 10, when he will accept his retirement from active payroll.

When called to the Personnel Department, where all the benefits of the Sears retirement policy were explained to him, he stated: "By golly, it certainly is swell to have worked for a company that gives you a paid-up insurance policy, permits a guy to save money and to make money through the Profit Sharing Plan

Public Health Engineers Make Survey of Foundry

DON'T PARK 'EM SO CLOSE TO TRACKS, PLEASE!

Every night as the switch engines come into the plant yard to move in and out the freight cars, it is necessary to send several men out to move automobiles which are parked too close to the tracks. Many times cars are found locked with brakes set, causing further delay.

So far the kindly train crew has waited patiently until the tracks were cleared, but there may come a time when some car will be damaged.

PLEASE do not park close to the tracks. They MUST be clear at all times!

Machinists Will Hold Outing Saturday

Machine Shop employes will have a departmental picnic for their families at Coopers Grove next Saturday—September 4.

The following committees have been appointed to handle the affair: Entertainment, Ed Regnier and John Piggush; refreshments, Edward Geistwhite and Albert Guenette; ground police and transportation, Elmer Meyers and Henry Neftzger.

A picnic dinner will be held at noon and a ball game between the day and night shifts has been planned. A horseshoe pitching contest and games for the children and wives will take place in the afternoon.

Condition of 'Red' Whaley Reported as Improved

The condition of Levi "Red" Whaley, warehouse elevator operator, who has been off work since June because of illness, is reported as improved. It will be sometime, however, before he will be able to return to work.

A recent phone conversation with "Red" gave us the impression that he gets rather lonely. How about some of us dropping in on him for a visit. He lives at 241 South Harrison Avenue, Kankakee. He will appreciate seeing some of the boys.

A group of four engineers associated with the United States Public Health Service, William McQueary, Andrew Hosey, Lucian Reves and Harold Paulus, Ph.D., began a survey in our Foundry on Friday, August 20.

The group is taking dust counts of all operations in the Foundry to determine the size of the particles of dust in the air, chemically analyzing the airborne dust, the various ingredients in the air, and checking the amounts and types of existing gases and fumes involved in pouring operations. They are also determining the air temperature, radiant temperatures throughout all Foundry work areas, measuring the amount of mechanical ventilation of fans, exhausts, air velocity on grinding operations, etc.

The men are well equipped to conduct what appears to be a very complicated and thorough survey.

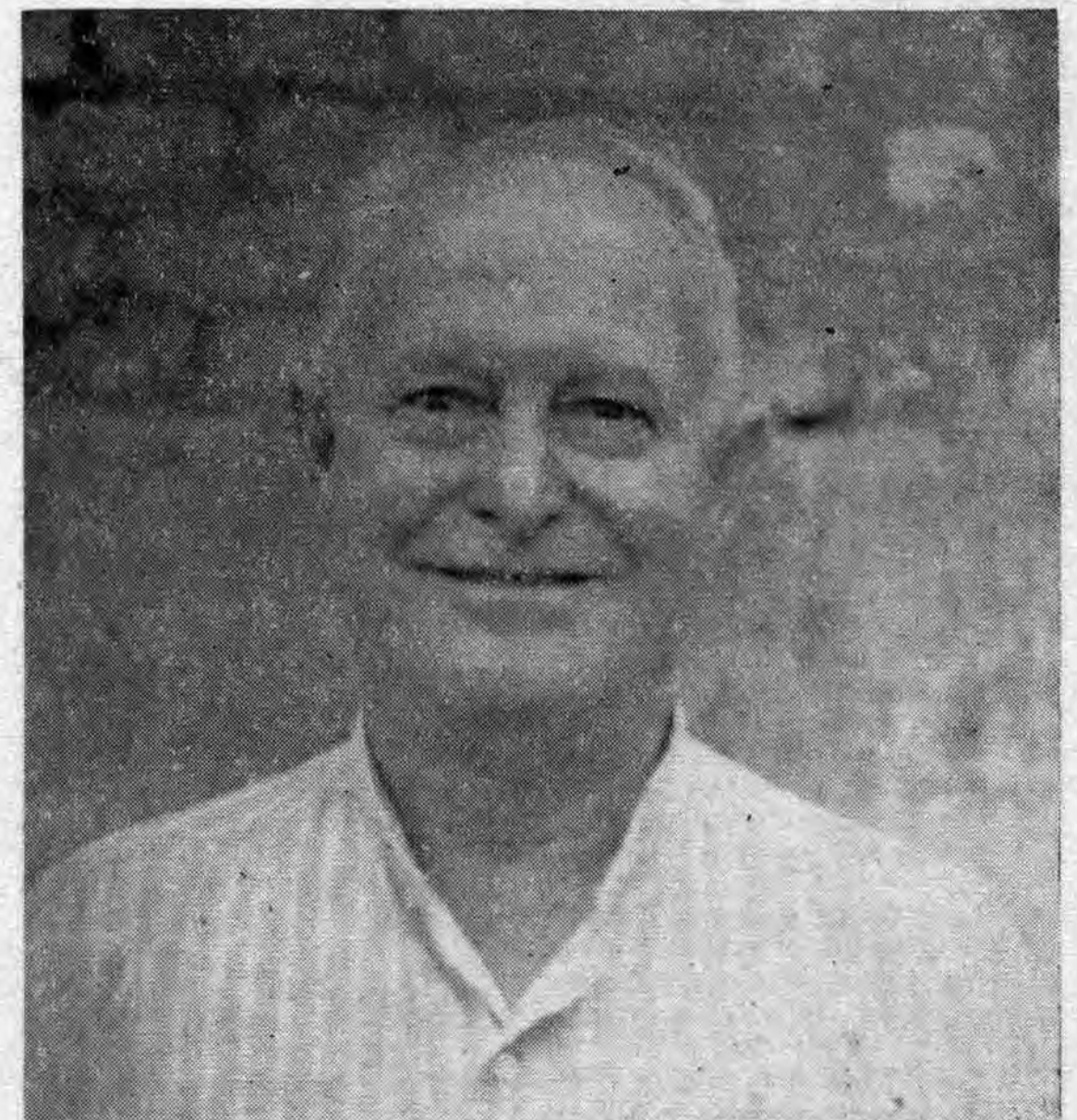
The medical phase of the program will follow the engineering survey. This will be headed by Dr. A. Knopf of the Illinois Public Health Service, along with Dr. Harley Castherg, Francis Walters, D.D.S., and Vernon Perone, medical technician. Their equipment is housed in the large medical unit parked in front of the Personnel office.

All those associated with Foundry operations are being given a complete physical examination by these doctors and technicians. The examination includes a chest X-ray, dental X-ray, blood pressure check-up, urinalysis, etc. During the course of the examinations Foundry men are advised to ask any questions pertaining to their personal health. Advice will be given individuals of their diagnosis, which will be held in strict confidence.

The final analysis of the survey will be compiled along with reports from 22 other large foundries throughout the state. No plant or individual, however, will be mentioned in the final report.

SISTER OF GLENN METZ DIES

We at David Bradley extend our deepest sympathy to Glenn Metz of the Tool and Die Department on the sudden and unexpected death of his only sister, Marjorie Metz Royer, on August 26.



and to receive a nice retirement allowance check."

He mentioned that his only regret will be that he won't be seeing the old gang as often as he would like. He plans to putter around the house after taking a

lengthy trip visiting with friends and relatives.

Those of us remaining at the plant will miss "Red" and his chatter and hope that he doesn't forget to drop around occasionally.

DON'T LET LIFE SHORTCHANGE YOU



Dear David:

I see where the Chicago Railroad Fair has been extended until the last of September because of requests of thousands who have not had the opportunity to attend. Isn't it wonderful that privately owned industries in a country such as ours have the opportunity and take the opportunity to give the public complete knowledge of their growth, advantages and services.

The thousands who have attended the fair have had the opportunity to see and to re-appraise the powerful influence of the American railroads on the national economy. Also to see the working size equipment built by mass production of private industry to meet the increasing demands for better service demanded by other private industries and the American public.

This massive transportation system closely ties into every American industry and every American life. We can all remember the history of the first rail locomotive, the struggle of gaining public approval, the few short lines at first and then the continuous rails which connect the East and the West. As the railroads grew, this vast nation of ours became smaller. Natural resources were moved to where, combined with other natural resources, they could produce products useful to all. Private industries developed and so grew our natural wealth into our present economic system—and through productivity our standard of living was raised.

played an important part in the development and growth of the railroad, a nationwide poll indicates the country is overwhelmingly in favor of private operation of the industry. Only 13 per cent of those who were questioned favored government ownership. The poll also indicated the people as a whole have a pretty good idea of the importance of this basic form of land transportation.

Seventy per cent said they considered the rails to be the transportation system most vital to carrying on the business of the country. Of those who knew that railroad freight rates had been increased felt that it was justified.

A growing preference for rail travel over other means was also expressed, on the grounds of safety, spaciousness, and freedom of movement.

One of the most interesting opinions produced by the poll dealt with what a fair return on the railroads' investment should be. The answers averaged 9 per cent—more than two and a half times the rate earned in 1947.

We have this vast service to our nation, operated at a low percentage of profit, which at the same time employs thousands to build, maintain and operate.

In no other nation in the world could such growth and development take place in such a short era. Still a small percentage of our population question the leadership of this enterprise. But, David, when the leadership of this industry see fit to put on a public relations program such as this fair to educate us and our children as to the benefit and value of its service to our nation, how can we question either the industrial leadership or the capitalistic system under which it operates.

A FRIEND

SAMMY SAFETY SAYS

Famous Last Words

"Us old-timers never get hurt — it's only them new guys ya gotta watch."

HERE'S A TIP ON HOW TO KEEP COOL ON A HOT JOB!

In addition to taking salt tablets and wearing sweatbands saturated in cool water, supportive foods, such as milk, should be taken regularly, for milk contains about 0.3% salt. Meat should be eaten at least once a day.

Workers should abstain from alcoholic beverages, which are very high in caloric content. Excessive intake of calories tends to increase discomfort caused by exposure to high temperatures.

Protective clothing such as a shirt or undershirt, helps keep the body cool through the evaporation of perspiration from the saturated clothing. For this reason it is recommended that workers do not strip to the waist while engaged in a hot occupation.

Fatalistic View Has No Place in Safety Program

"Sure, I believe in Safety, but accidents will happen. There's nothing much you can do about them."

"There's no use trying to put guards on all hazards. Some guys will get into 'em anyway."

"We been doin' it this way for 20 years and ain't never had anyone killed."

How often have these statements and others like them been repeated? How often has this attitude been responsible for the human misery inseparably involved in industrial accidents? And yet it is all so unnecessary—this perverted FATALISM!

Accidents are NOT inevitable. They CAN be avoided. It has been estimated statistically that only two per cent of all industrial accidents could not have been avoided.

How can the other 98 per cent be avoided? It's not easy. There's no royal road to accident elimination. Constant attention, constant inspection, repetitive education and unending improvement in equipment and working conditions are imperative. It's a Herculean task that is never done. BUT, it pays tremendous dividends. Many of the advantages of accident prevention work cannot be measured by any monetary standard. After all, who can place a real value on the happiness of a man and his family? Whose standards determine the value of a man's eyes, his hands, legs or his life? What are yours worth to you?

Fatalism has no place at David Bradley. We cannot just depend on luck alone to prevent being injured.

Good common sense, constantly applied WILL prevent accidents and injuries.

"Ain't that dangerous?"
"Naw, I've done it this way for years."

"A couple of days ago it wasn't nothin' but a little scratch."

CLASSIFIED ADS

• FOR SALE

KIRBY VACUUM CLEANER; all attachments. Price \$65. See Ross Milk or phone 4082.

STEEL JACK POST, LIKE NEW. See Mr. Gardner.

Repair Parts Division Plays An Important Role In Holding Good Will of Customers

The Repair Parts Service plays a vital and important role in our organization. Few of us realize the tremendous job necessary to keep the Sears Farm Stores, Mail Order Houses and customers supplied with needed replacements of broken or worn parts to keep our implements operating in the field.

The department occupies the entire basement of the east warehouse and office building—32,000 square feet of floor space.

Leo Brais, in charge of Repair Parts, orders from the production departments all repair parts needed. He arrives at these requirements by estimates based on past history as shown by the Kardex records of shipments and orders several months in advance of the time needed, as production departments need time to obtain material and process these items.

Orders for repair parts are received from 408 Sears Farm Stores and 11 Mail Order Houses. The department has received as high as 800 orders in one mail, but averages about 300 per day.

After the order has been received it is processed through the

Kardex file, where a perpetual inventory is kept to find out if every item is in stock. If in stock the order is stamped and released for shipment, being sorted as to parcel post or freight shipment.

All parcel post shipments are sent to Department 94, which is under the supervision of Forrest Barriball. In Mr. Barriball's office the Linedex clerks make up the address tags or labels, putting on the parcel post zone. From the Linedex files is placed the bin location of each item. The order is then passed to the order fillers, who pick up the items and deliver them to the mail bench, where the order packers package the items of the order and weigh them. All weighing is done on an automatic scale, which also indicates the amount of postage required. The postage is then run off on a stamp machine, which places the stamp on gummed tape. After this is affixed to the package it is delivered to the post office.

Freight orders are delivered to the Traffic Department from Mr. Brais' office, where they are routed and returned to Depart-

ment 94. The freight order follows about the same procedure as parcel post, except that no zoning is done. However, the Linedex clerks must make up identification tags for each item, after which the order is filled and delivered to the freight packing bench, where it is packed, weighed and delivered to the warehouse for shipment.

These two departments play an important part in handling our parts service in the Sears organization. Any implement in the field which cannot be used because of a worn or broken part is of no value to the owner until the part is replaced, and at a time of planting or harvesting prompt deliveries mean money to our customers.

The department is at present giving 24 to 48 hour shipping service on a high percentage of orders received. We fully realize that through maintaining adequate service on our implements we perpetuate the sale of our products. A question we always keep in our minds is: "Are we doing everything possible here in our plant in the field of servicing our implements?"



THIS PHOTO SHOWS the mail bench, where all orders are bundled, sacked or boxed, for parcel post shipment. Employees shown are, from left to right, Rosella Hirt, Hubert Edwards, Viator Fortin, Clarence Geneary and Mary Kassman. These employees are under the supervision of Forrest Barriball, who was on vacation when this picture was taken.



AT THE RIGHT is shown a portion of the bins in which more than 10,000 different service parts are stored. In these bins and other similar storage facilities parts are kept to service all implements David Bradley has manufactured.



SHOWN ABOVE is the office force of the Service and Parts Division. From left to right they are: Louise Preston, Ann Koenig, Doris Dupuis, Stella Vaillancourt, Alma Mae Nelson, Delma Martin and Supervisor Leo Brais at the desk. Standing are Samuel Coffman and Orville Palmer. Yvonne Blanchette is in the foreground, and just back of her is Lucille Sigler.

Jibes, Jest and Facts About Folks You Know

Welding Flashes

By F. HASEMEYER

We understand the Kerouac brothers had no trouble keeping score in one of the horseshoe pitching contests against Powers and Hasemeyer. They didn't get a point! Of course in this jungle court where the challengers pick their shoes and give instructions to opponents, the Power-Hasemeyer team were under tension, which naturally threw them off stride and curbed their skill. Everyone is waiting for the results of a return match.

Bob Henderson's wife is in a hospital in Chicago. The gang all wish you a quick recovery, Mrs. Henderson.

Bob Gibson is the proud father of a baby daughter, Cynthia Kay, who weighed nine pounds and one ounce at birth. Congratulations to Bob and his wife.

Joe Guisti, our night Supervisor, has purchased a home in Bradley.

We understand Ray Ponikvar has a new sideline of carrying mail. From all indications there are some unpleasant experiences connected with the work which Ray doesn't want published. The boys will furnish the powder next time, Ray.

Windmiller is back on welding again.

We wish to welcome these new members to the department—Darl McClure, Charles Calvin and Maty Pantaleon.

Foundry Facts

We just learned of a little news about Al Schultz. While this incident happened just after the vacation period, we can't ignore the story. It seems that Al visited his uncle's farm during his vacation and was telling the boys about how the pigs wallow around in the mud. He was standing with his back to the ladle lining clay tub at the time and slipped and fell backward into the clay. What a sight! Now we understand why the boys call Al, Oink, Oink.

Ray Dominiak and Russ Durand, after seeing the two big engineers working on the Health Survey program said, "Wouldn't they make a couple of good shake-out men."

Say, fellows, after the this heat spell we shouldn't have to worry about ourselves when we leave this world.

Some of us were going to call the booby hatch after hearing Art Ward and Chris Ziller singing "Winter Wonderland" while pushing the bull ladle recently.

Don't forget the salt tablets, guys! Take a couple every three or four hours. They really help.

Maintenance Musings

Who is responsible for the musical request of "Clear, Cool Water" for Earl Miller? Maybe some employe who has been drinking warm water from some of the fountains.

Leo Prince has quite a following as an umpire. We understand his Bonfield following followed him right out on the field for a bum decision. We also noticed the Boosters have lost a couple of games lately. Maybe the umpires are slipping.

The Maintenance gang is mighty proud of our boy, "Papa" Sheehan, on the arrival of his twins. Congratulations Tommy and the Mrs.—and thanks for the cigars.

We have been tipped off that Lyle Hasbarger is being fitted for a Tuxedo. We are all waiting to see the coming-out party — or what is the occasion?

We haven't heard anything of the prizes won by Paul Stevens' horses at the local fair. What happened, Paul? We understand you couldn't even win free passes to the grounds.

Ray Dill, one of the Maintenance gang, has left us to go into business for himself. Good luck on your venture, Ray.

Office (1st Floor)

By CORRENE MEHRER

The biggest news of the week, as far as we are concerned, is that the girls' softball team traveled to Manteno to win their first

ball game—32 to 21. Shirley ("The Arm") Essington pitched most of the game which, incidentally, was her first in the role of a pitcher. We hear that she was selling her autographs for 10 cents each or three for a quarter the following day. Ho, hum—fame and fortune!

Theresa Ruhm found out too late that you are supposed to throw the glove off after you catch the ball, not before, and has a finger to prove it.

We shall make little mention of the game with Bradley, which we lost 31 to 13. Oh, well, we can't win all of the time. Maybe the umpire was on the other side. We understand his name was Nick Gineris.

Has anyone seen Bourbonnais play ball? Notice the second baseman—she's Delma Martin, a David Bradley girl.

Maxine Naas has transferred from Purchasing to Engineering and Pat Morrison has become a member of the Purchasing Department. Bernadette Marcotte LaRocque, formerly of that department, is the proud mama of a baby boy.

Peg Hanna, after spending nearly six years with timekeeping, is now working in accounting. Ted Blanchette, ex-mail boy, has joined the ranks of the timekeepers, and has been replaced by Lee Emerson. Other new timekeepers are Fred Clayton and Dwey Cordial.

Ray Curby has moved from Kankakee to Bradley. What some people won't do to save gas!

Bill ("Power") Beck has met the girl of his dreams. She is a "you all" girl from Cairo. She has only been in town three days—not long enough to hear about him. Wait until she does. He can always say it was nice while it lasted.

Lucille Sigler and Peg Hanna spent a week in New York, and now are back to work 52 weeks to pay for it. What's the matter, drinks expensive?

In case of fire call Yvonne Blanchette. Her boy friend is an ex-fireman and we understand she helped save the state of Wisconsin by putting out a forest fire—or so the story goes.

Free French lessons are being given every afternoon from 1 to 1:30 in the Service Parts Department. If you don't know any French, go on down. You'll know less when you leave.

Doris Dupuis had big plans for her vacation until her dog had to have an operation, and even though the piggy bank was full, the doctor had to be paid and very little was left for Doris. Renetta Toma's dog has also entered the hospital. Too much heat. Best of luck to both Lady and Renetta.

Machine Shop

By JERRY POWER

Has everyone noticed that Ray Konigowski must have used the child-size bowl?

After the St. Anne game Mush Cross is in favor of resigning as a softball pitcher.

Roy Armstrong is very disappointed that his vacation picture did not appear in the plant paper. We understand the fish he had his picture taken with have been photographed so many times that they cannot be reproduced for printing.

You know the weather is really hot when Elmer Meyers, who lives only two blocks from the factory, drives to work because of the heat.

Another victim of the heat was Clarence Provoncal—with a sweat band on his head and his pants rolled up to his knees. Another two degrees hotter and Clarence would be without clothing!

New additions to our force are Homer Crawford, Leo Kuta, Clarence Williams and the Hill brothers—Marshall, Calvin and Laverne.

Peace must be settled and the outlook for the future bright, as Capt. Jimmy Greenwood is back on the job.

Ronny LaGesse is back to work after losing a few days with a bad boil on his neck.

Frank Stutz is still holding his own, although his wife was gone for a week to girl scout camp at Morris and Frank had to batch. Never lost a pound!

We all wish Mrs. Witthoff luck in her coming operation.

We will probably all see plenty of pictures and hear more fish

Service

Anniversaries

FIVE YEARS

Willard Rogers (September 1, 1943), Salvage
George Stycyk (September 3, 1943), Foundry
John Spaulding (September 3, 1943), Tool and Die
El Milakovich (September 4, 1943), Forge Shop
Aaron LaSage (September 8, 1943), Tool and Die
James Murawski (September 9, 1943), Forge Shop
Roland Joubert (September 14, 1943), Experimental
Erel Goudreau (September 15, 1943), Personnel
George Legris (September 20, 1943), Warehouse
Jack Draves (September 27, 1943), Supervisor
William Braun (September 27, 1943), Stokers
Harold Wilkins (September 28, 1943), Paint Shop

TWENTY YEARS

Ludwig Kanowski (September 14, 1928), Stokers
Clarence Ward (September 22, 1928), Grinding

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Gerald George (September 4, 1923), Supervisor

stories after Art Blanchette returns from his trip to Wisconsin over the Labor Day holidays.

Tips from Receiving and Stores

By CLAYTON CURBY

Since our last edition, one of our fellows in Receiving, Thomas Dermody, has become the proud father of a baby boy. We all kept wondering when the event would take place. Then one morning Tom came in with his pockets full of cigars and a big smile on his face, so we all knew it had happened. The fellows all want to thank you for the cigars, Tom. Wonder if he's walking the floors at night!

Just got this straight from the feed bag. We understand Leonard Dionne is going steady with a girl. Well, we heard he had his arms around Mary and also asked her for a date. Leonard, if your girl hears of this, there will be no wedding bells.

Darl McClure of Tony's department is now working in Welding on the second shift. He was replaced by Greenburg.

The Receiving Department and Stores should be proud of their good record of no lost time—and try to keep it up. The former record was 139 days and the new one, at this writing, is 217 days. We are also proud of how clean and orderly our department is kept. This can be achieved only by each one doing his part.

Spaulding moved to Bradley to be closer to his work, or maybe so he could sleep later in the morning. Which is it, Spaulding?

Bill Korstick will leave on his well deserved vacation on September 7. He just told us that he's going somewhere where there are no phones! Clarence LaGrow will be back from his vacation tomorrow—September 1.

Experimental Dept.

In the Pioneer Plowman, some two or three issues back, an item was printed concerning Wesley Scott. It seems he had attempted to fix a pencil sharpener. After turning it inside out about six times and fooling with it for two hours, he gave it up as a bad job. He was then nicknamed "Fix-It Scott," a very fitting moniker. He wasn't satisfied with the fact that he should have stopped right there, but on his vacation he attempted to fix his barn or crib doors, awkward as he is, got his finger caught in a roller and tore his fingernail off. We suggest that he get a strong arm chair, so he can't fall out and get hurt, put it in his office and stay there. Some day he may hurt himself quite badly. Here is one that was overheard

in the shop. A white shirt happened in our department and finally approached the boss with questions about various tools, etc. Finally he popped this one, "How many men have you working here?" The boss looked around the room and then answered, "About half of them."

The other day the boss gave Merritt Rantz a job to make, which required some thinking. He looked at the print and remarked, "Well, I guess I'll have to put my mind to work." Just then someone piped up with, "What, and violate the Child Labor Law?"

The other day one of our old men, Clarence Brinkman, paid us a visit. He said he expected a very good year on the farm in 1949. This year he has an abundance of grasshoppers, cornborers, etc., and next year's bread will have ground meat right in the flour so that with each slice of bread we'll have hamburger! Yum, yum!

Roland Joubert was telling us about a family argument. He has his mother at home with him, and also a baby boy. The argument concerned the baby. His wife thought he should get up in the night and fix the baby's bottle. Naturally, he said it was her job. The argument grew quite warm and to settle it Joubert called his mother. He asked her, "Who in your family got up in the night to feed the baby?" Her answer was, "Well, it certainly wasn't my husband. You see, we didn't have bottles in those days."

We had a discussion this week about buying a hog to butcher. Someone asked Merritt Rantz if he had any hogs to sell, other than himself. He said, "Yeh, I've got one too many, but if I sell it I won't have enough. Two years ago we bought a hog and divided it among four of us. We had no scale to weigh the hog, so the boss laid down beside the hog and the gang guessed its weight by the size of the boss, and never missed its weight over five pounds. The boss is worth his weight in hog."

Madison went to the horse races and he told Oscar Lanou that they cleaned him for three dollars. Oscar's remark was, "You weren't dirty, were you?" You know it is getting close to election time and this is the general topic of the day. Paul Boudreau says his wife is going to run for office—she is already the speaker of the house.

Paul Gall has beautiful, wavy hair—he also has a cute mustache which tickles. The other day someone asked Paul how he got such pretty, wavy hair. Joubert, who is an authority on Venetian blinds, spoke up and remarked that he (Paul) sleeps with his head in the Venetian blinds.

We noticed in the paper recently that soap is being made out of gasoline. Imagine having Ethyl in your bath.

Whenever a joke is told in our department, no matter how "tall" it is we have a man, Fred Cross, who can always top it or go one better. But yesterday he got took by Madison. Fred said that when he was in the army they were always running out of matches. Madison spoke up and said, "When we ran out of matches we just got two boy scouts and rubbed them together." Cross, for once, couldn't top that one!

Will close and leave room for someone else by saying, "There are two kinds of men who never amount to much—those who cannot do as they are told, and those who can do nothing else."

Steel Stories

We've heard a lot of complaining during the hot weather. The only cool member of the department, so far as we know, is Phil.

Roy Simmons missed work for a day on August 19 because of illness.

The department has been increasing its output considerably, with the stepped-up schedule and the additional employes in the Cutting-in Department.

Smitty, our inspector, is in the market for a shotgun. It seems Smitty has been baiting and running a night line in the river for some time now—without catching a fish. The other morning Smitty discovered someone else running his line. Smitty, you're a good sport to bait a line for a fellow fisherman.

Office (2nd Floor)

By GEN PROVONCAL

Did you notice that everyone on the second floor was wearing sun glasses on Monday, August 23? Josie Ciaccio's new sparkler was the cause of it all! Or maybe it was Josie herself. It's a difficult matter to figure out which is the most radiant. We've seen gals with stars in their eyes before, but no one could ever have more glitter in her eyes than Josie. Be sure to tell us when that BIG DAY is to come up!

We're very sorry to hear that Charles Wiggs of Material Control is on the sick list and at the Veterans' Hospital at Dwight. Everyone wishes you a speedy recovery, Charles, and we all hope to see you back at work very soon.

Anyone else notice the white-white shirts Wes Scott has been wearing lately? Can't figure out just why all the brightness, but maybe the transfer to the Methods Department has something to do with it. It does help to see such a gleam in this old office, though.

We're all happy to have Maxine Naas, Joe Robbin and Gene Sprimont as new employes on the second floor. Maxine transferred to Methods from Purchasing, Joe is working in Time Study, and Gene in Engineering. We promise you three people that it isn't always as hot up here as it has been recently and hope that you enjoy working with us.

If anyone has noticed anything strange about Steve Gineris these days, don't be alarmed. He's just getting used to being a Supervisor and he says "it ain't easy." Congratulations, Steve! We are happy about your promotion as head of Tool and Labor routing.

As of right now it is official that Time Study men are the boys making money these days! "Bet-a-Buck" Hanes has just purchased a new home near the Kankakee Country Club, but he wasn't satisfied to do like most people—buy a house and lot. He purchased a house and TWO lots! And for additional proof that those boys are doing alright, Bob Scelze just purchased a new Studebaker convertible.

Speaking of professions, we hear that Andy Rivard has an extra activity these days. He tells us he is a director at the Catholic Youth Center. All we can add here is: Please, Andy, don't try directing the youth of Kankakee in the art of driving a car. We want some of them to have a chance to grow up.

Everyone has been very miserable because of the intense heat, but Rudy Koehle is by far the worse off. In an exclusive interview today we learned that he passed up a date with the Methods Department's secretary to help install a stoker! All we can say is—poor Rudy! He's really in a serious condition!

We're still trying to find out just what happened to Johnny Coffman and Bernard Brown last week-end. Johnny came to work Monday morning packing two dark circles around his eyes, and Bernard has been sporting a discoloration around one eye that would do any artist justice.

We wonder when Betty Bertrand will ever look like a big girl? Where Tom Tyrell got that pipe with the tiny bowl he's been smoking lately? Where Glendoris goes every afternoon at 3:30? Where Myrna Burkhalter got her high soprano voice? Why Clarence Bush likes to work with all those gages and steel painted purple so well? These, and just what Elmer Mehrer will print about us next week, are unanswered questions.

Sickle and Cutting-In

By RAY LOVELL

We wish to welcome Donald Causer, Anton Ends, Junior Harris, Orville Glenn, Francis Mershon and Chester Patrick to our department.

A bit of fishing news drifted in the other day. It seems Johnny Grimes, our dispatcher, took Supervisor Purdue out to show him how to catch black bass. Of course Purdue catches a nice one, but Johnny had no luck all evening and in his despair refused to go home until he proved his skill.

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Happy Birthday!

- SEPT. 1—Harry Sahlin, Supervisor; Howard Nelson, Forge Shop; Walter McIntosh, Sweeper; Leonard Wulff, Assembly; Bruno LeDuke, Foundry
- SEPT. 2—Clarence Bush, Office; Orville Oakes, Grinding; Albert Prince, Welding; Charles Dattilo, Assembly; Michael McGrath, Forge Shop
- SEPT. 3 — Helen Graser, Warehouse.
- SEPT. 4 — Louis Stefanich, Assembly; Eldo LaFond, Forge Shop; Joseph Giusto, Stoker; Louis Walters, Assembly
- SEPT. 5—Merle Bloom, Supervisor; Rene Surprenant, Machine shop; Walter Spivey, Supervisor; Thomas Wood, Stoker; Albert Chulpsa, Elevator Operator; Franklin Giasson, Foundry
- SEPT. 6—Dean Ostrander, Supervisor; John Cole, Maintenance; Wayne Mathy, Stoker
- SEPT. 7 — Thomas Roe, Steel Yard; Clyde McCorkle, Foundry; James Burns, Stoker
- SEPT. 8—Harry Lehman, Maintenance
- SEPT. 9—Stanley Hill, Supervisor; Dolores Lancaster, Office; Homer Temple, Forge Shop
- SEPT. 10—James Purdue, Supervisor; Richard Nelson, Office; Arthur Ward, Foundry
- SEPT. 12—Russell Skelton, Supervisor; Norma Burr, Office; Stanley Gill, Tin Shop
- SEPT. 13—Joseph Robin, Office; Earl Warriner, Forge Shop; Louis Dion, Foundry; Jerome Grise, Electrical; Arvilla Seegrst, Janitress
- SEPT. 14 — Arnold Ray, Office; Anthony Ciaccio, Office; Fritz Jeck, Forge Shop; Donald Gensens, Assembly; Clovie Longest, Receiving; Paul Stevenson, Salvage; Frank Damer, Experimental; Russell Hubert, Paint
- SEPT. 15—Alphone Grenier, Supervisor
- SEPT. 16—George Sage, Forge Shop; Glen Madsen, Truck
- SEPT. 17—Rachel Curby, Office; Kenneth Silsbee, Foundry; Otis Jordan, Maintenance; Paul Legris, Jr., Warehouse; Herman Kray, Maintenance
- SEPT. 18—Priscilla DeLafontaine, Office; Robert Spencer, Inspection
- SEPT. 19 — Wilbur Guynn, Machine Shop
- SEPT. 20—Lowell Guard, Warehouse
- SEPT. 21—Hanson Goin, Office; John Hendricks, Paint Shop; Anthony Kaplinski, Foundry; John Johnson, Inspection; William Granger, Inspection
- SEPT. 22 — Vern Schnell, Warehouse; Laverne Juckett, Foundry
- SEPT. 23 — Delmare DeMoure, Grinding; Roy Elsey, Welding; Kenneth Crawford, Receiving; Louis Coty, Forge Shop
- SEPT. 24—Walter Bishop, Inspection
- SEPT. 25—Royal Milk, Tin Shop; Rassie Jackson, Salvage; Clarence Withoft, Inspection
- SEPT. 26—Walter Bilyard, Supervisor; John Campbell, Tool and Die
- SEPT. 27—Joseph Giusti, Supervisor; Gilbert Luhrs, Supervisor; Gavin Bristow, Office; Stanley Appelberg, Forge Shop
- SEPT. 28 — John Renville, Tin Shop; Clarence Wetzal, Office; Marvin Kraft, Tool and Die; Hilman Vaughan, Maintenance; Walter Neftzger, Machine Shop; Francis Longtin, Stoker
- SEPT. 29—Rex Bainter, Office; Harry Wulff, Forge Shop; Joseph Lambert, Assembly; Donald Baylors, Office; Charles McNulty, Office; Leon Kerouac, Assembly
- SEPT. 30—Tobe Eimen, Tin Shop; Edward Nehls, Warehouse and Shipping; Roy Rathman, Tool and Die; Richard Gaglaini, Elevator Operator; William Davison, Forge Shop

HERE'S PROOF OF THE CATCH!



PICTURED ABOVE are Vernon Bisping (right) of the Die Sinking and Finishing Department and his fishing buddy, George Bird, with a string of 40 walleye pike, caught by five members of their vacation party at Lake of the Woods in Minnesota. The fish weighed from three to six and a half pounds.

C.Y.O. Defeats Bowling League Bradley in City Playoffs

By AL KELLER

The David Bradley softball team completed its regular season by absorbing a 12-to-9 defeat at the hands of the C.Y.O. nine in the city playoffs.

Bradley drew first blood in the contest by scoring two runs in the first half of the initial inning. The C.Y.O. team came back with four runs in their half before Larson, who relieved the starting pitcher, Essington, retired the side. Bradley then went ahead to build up a score of 8 to 6. The lead looked fairly safe until the sixth inning when the C.Y.O. outfit pushed six runs across the plate to make it 12 to 8. Bradley's final run came in the seventh inning when Heusing hit a round-tripper.

The game was hard fought all the way and long blows proved to be the deciding factor. Neuman, Dominiak and Heusing all hit for the street in the Bradley lineup. Mickey Boudreau drove a long fly ball past his brother, Paul, for the C.Y.O., which gave him, figuratively, a case of the well known "Wheaties."

Though our regular season is completed as far as league play goes, we still have a few games on tap. The Kempton team will be met there tomorrow evening, September 1, at 8:30 o'clock. This is the same Kempton team which was defeated by the C.Y.O., 5 to 4, in a game played there on Wednesday, August 25.

Next Friday, September 3, the regular team will accept the challenge of the "old timers." Remember a few years ago when Bradley had a "GOOD" (?) ball club, consisting of such notables as Larry Powers, Fritz Hase-meyer, "Speedball" Eddie Geist-white and others? They've all taken their spikes out of hock and are ready to go. The exact time and place had not been determined at this writing.

Should we mention the 6-to-5 defeat we took at Manteno and the 17-to-5 slaughter at St. Anne? Wonder how much money Art Blanchette and Orville Styck lost on that game? "Mush" Cross has been eating peanuts since, according to his audience in the Machine Shop.

Feminine Bowlers to Begin League Play September 10

A bowling league composed of girls from the office and the plant will begin its season at 6:30 o'clock on Friday, September 10, at the Broadway Lanes in Bradley.

The league will consist of eight teams and at a recent election Doris Denoyer was elected president, Pauline Yarno, treasurer, and Theresa Ruhm as secretary.

Any girl desiring to bowl during the coming season should contact any of the above mentioned girls.

You can't see the harmful, invisible rays generated in the welding arc . . . but unless you protect your eyes against them, it may be a long time before you see anything. Wear your goggles!

Bowling League 'Oversubscribed' With Manpower

The men's intra-plant bowling league will begin their 1948-49 season at the Marycrest Lanes in East Kankakee on Tuesday, September 21. All 16 alleys have been reserved for our league on the first shift—at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening.

Elmer Riberdy was reelected president and Frank Sovinski, secretary-treasurer, at a recent meeting.

At this writing 72 of the 80 men who were bowling at the completion of last season have indicated that they will bowl this season. This created only eight openings and already 17 new bowlers have submitted their names as desiring to become members of the league. Teams will be formulated in the near future.

Naturally there will not be available vacancies to take care of all these who desire to bowl. However, from time to time, men drop out of the league for various reasons and openings will be filled as the vacancies occur.

Perseverance Pays! Girls Beat Manteno

Two weeks ago when the girls who play softball went to Manteno to play a game with the girls there, everyone decided to really get down to work and show the fans that David Bradley could win a game.

With Shirley Essington, Jeanne Regnier and Eleanor Beck doing the pitching and Eugenia Dedas catching, Bradley WON a 33-to-21 victory over Manteno.

It was our first victory, and on the same night our center fielder, Doris Dupuis, got our first home run of the year with two on base. "Casey" Reilly, first basemen, didn't hurt the final score by getting two doubles when the bases were loaded! Gallois at shortstop, and Mehrer at second, make life rough for those Manteno girls who hit to their territory. They picked up the hitters with ease and burned the ball to first base for an out or grabbed fly balls out of the air with equal results.

The only casualty of the evening happened when Tessie Ruhm, who relieved Alberta Gruenberg in right field, decided it would be easier to catch a fly ball without a glove. Result—one finger between splints for three weeks! Except for that one accident and one minor protest (when Maxine Senesac relieved Correne Mehrer at second, Manteno demanded that no children be allowed to play), the game was the best example of teamwork our girls have ever shown.

On August 20 the factory girls played the Village of Bradley team at Bird Park. In that match the Village girls defeated the factory girls, 31 to 14. Delores Bisping did the pitching for the opponents, leading her team to a very nice victory, and Eleanor Beck and Shirley Essington did the pitching for our team.

A return match will be played at Manteno on Wednesday of next week—Sept. 8—at 8:30 p.m., and, weather permitting, there probably will be another game with Bourbonnais, the exact date yet to be set.

DB Golf League Ends in Tie; Tournery Will Be Replayed

Its' all over! After 15 weeks of play our golf league has completed its schedule, with two teams deadlocked in first place. As this goes to press we are unable to announce the winners. A match between the two tied for first place is in the making and you may be sure that this will be a real thriller and will be a fitting climax to a fine season.

However, because of difficulties encountered in a tournament played August 21 to conclude the season's activities, is being replayed under the following rules:

Eighteen holes of golf must be played with three or more members of the league or alternates on each card.

Matches must be concluded by September 6.

Cards must be turned in before 12 o'clock noon, September 7.

All prizes will remain the same as previously stated.

All handicaps and classes remain the same as published before on the official bulletin.

Let's all play and turn in a score! It will help us have a bigger and better golf league at David Bradley.

Final Standings and Handicaps

Team	Players and Handicaps	Total Hdcp.	Won	Lost
*9	Riberdy (18) and Juckett (3)	21	11	4
*16	Dominiak (10) and Gentry (8)	18	11	4
15	Drazy (14) and Pfau (6)	20	10	5
3	Schlemmer (13) and Grumish (6)	19	9	6
12	Wieliczko (19) and Scism (6)	25	9	6
13	Durand (13) and D. Billadeau (14)	27	9	6
14	Haden (14) and S. Gineris (11)	25	9	6
1	Szewerenco (12) and Odom (8)	20	7	8
2	Rathman (14) and Wilkins (7)	21	7	8
5	Seamark (20) and Newman (9)	29	7	8
11	McNash (14) and Kraft (7)	21	7	8
6	Sahlin (14), and Walsh (12)	26	6	9
7	Grimes (14) and Boule (12)	26	6	9
8	Crawford (11) and Hasemeyer (8)	19	5	10
4	Wetzel (11) and Hayes (5)	16	4	11
10	Whitcomb (16) and N. Gineris (8)	24	3	12

*Teams 9 and 16 finished the regular scheduled matches with the same number of wins and losses. They will play one nine-hole match to decide first and second place in the league.

Prize Winners, August 18: Durand and Billadeau (13) 66; **Riberdy and Juckett (9) 71; **Dominiak and Gentry (16) 71.

**Teams 9 and 16 tied for second and third; team No. 9 won the toss.

Alternates and handicaps: I. Meyers, 9; R. Rogers, 11; D. Ostrander, 13; M. Boudreau, 14; E. Goudreau, 14; L. Power, 18; F. Sovinski, 19; B. Cunningham, 23; E. Thurston, 30.

TAKES PART IN FISH RODEO

Roy Armstrong of the Machine Shop participated in a fish rodeo at Port Arthur, Tex., during his vacation. The Armstrong family was visiting relatives at Port Arthur and Roy and a cousin entered the rodeo. Although Roy caught an 80-pound tarpon, it was too small to enter in the finals.

The Armstrong family's enthusiasm is running high for this vacation spot and they are considering moving there to start a fishing camp.

FOLKS YOU KNOW . . .

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Naturally the Lord favored him in his prayers by allowing him to snag one rock bass in the eye. You just can't beat a fisherman.

A warning to the gang: "Watch what you put in your oil jugs!" Purdue was caught looking over one of the oil jugs the other day, and after several looks at it and walking around it a couple of times, he walked over and sniffed it. Wonder what the old Hoosier was looking for?

Proper Stacking Will Pay 'Dividends'



WRONG—The picture of this tumbled pile of chain indicates that it was not properly stored. Yes, we were fortunate that nothing was damaged nor any person injured—but such could have been the case. Through carelessness in stacking this chain there was a loss of time in having to move and restack, besides the safety hazard it presented. Let's all try to avoid this.



RIGHT—Photo of chain correctly stored. Note how the bundles of chain are piled evenly and perfectly vertical so as to avoid shifting or a leaning position. It may be seen that the stacks on the outside are not so high. This lessens the possibility of them falling, should the stack be jarred or bumped. The neat and orderly stacking presents a good housekeeping gesture.