

## 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 the individual worker should do to help maintain or improve the quality of our products?**

**FRANK OVNIICH, Implement Assembly:** To maintain and improve quality,



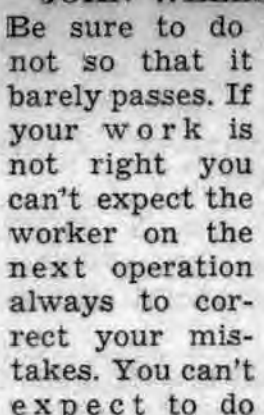
the worker should take a real interest in doing each job right and be sure scrap work is discarded. Always keep in mind the better the quality, the greater the sales demand. The greater the sales demand, the greater the production, the more work for each employe.

**MARVIN FOREMAN, Foundry:** To improve quality I think each



worker should make sure the work he does is right. To aid the workers of our department I think that a better understanding between inspection and supervision as to quality standards would be appreciated. We hate rework which has held up production.

**JOHN WELLS, Grinding Room:** Be sure to do your work right,



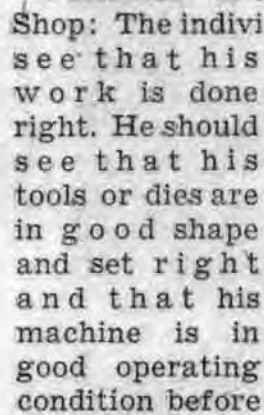
not so that it barely passes. If your work is not right you can't expect the worker on the next operation always to correct your mistakes. You can't expect to do good work with dull tools or machines which are not operating correctly, but must have them fixed.

**ROBERT GIBSON, Welding:** I believe that carelessness plays a



big part in poor quality of work. Too many of us forget that a second look or check on a part would many times show us our mistake. It would be better to do a good job today, so we can come back to a good job tomorrow.

**PHILLIP ASHLINE, Forge Shop:** The individual worker should



see that his work is done right. He should see that his tools or dies are in good shape and set right and that his machine is in good operating condition before starting a job. Then operate to the best of his ability—never become careless in his work habits.

**HERBERT MCKEE, Inspection:** Workers can help maintain the



quality of our products by promptly notifying their supervisor of any machine or die not in good operating condition. Also they can help improve them by filing and turning in on a suggestion blank ideas that seem to them to be better than the method now being used.

## Benefit Dance to Be Staged for Leon Kerouac

Employees of the Implement Assembly and Paint Shop are sponsoring a dance for the benefit of the Leon Kerouac family. Leon, an assembler with approximately 13 years of service here, has been hospitalized for the last two months.

The affair will be held next Saturday evening, October 2, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Bradley American Legion Home. Ross Melk and his orchestra will provide the music for the evening.

Frank Ovnich is general chairman, and will be assisted by Ross Melk and Joe Jakob. Tickets are available from these men, employees of the Assembly and Paint Shop and from the nurses.

The people of David Bradley have always contributed to any worthy cause and we feel sure that this affair warrants your cooperation. When you purchase a ticket you will be doing your part in rendering assistance to Leon and his family, in addition to providing yourself with an evening's entertainment.

## Personnel Department Stages Weiner Roast

Members of the Personnel Office and their families held a weiner roast Saturday, September 18, at the Kniefing cottage on the Kankakee river.

A sizeable amount of hot dogs, salads, pop and suds were consumed by those present.

Jimmy Kniefing, Maerita's boy friend, served as a genial host, dispensing food and refreshments.

Sovinski and Bill Burrell, Mary Burrell's "boss," gave Girard and Welch a few lessons in the art of pitching horseshoes for a dime side bet. It is reported, however, that as yet they haven't collected.

Goudreau raced Bill Burrell in the 15-yard dash. Nobody won, as the distance was too far, but Goudreau did try rolling part way.

Carol Briney acted as baby-sitter for Timmy Welch early in the evening, while Mae Gallagher, Maerita Wertz and Mary Burrell were wading in the river.

All in all, everyone reports having had a swell time.

## Joseph Rickus, 68, Retired DB Employe, Is Dead

Joseph Rickus, 68 years old, died suddenly on Thursday, September 16, at his home in Bradley.

Joe, as we knew him, retired April 19, 1946, after working here for over 40 years, 38 of which were spent in the Press Room.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine, and nine stepchildren, of whom three are David Bradley people—Frank Wasatis of the Sheet Metal Shop, Victor Wasatis of the Machine Shop, and Adeline Durrell of the office.

## Father of Jack Raines, Machine Shop Man, Is Dead

Harold Raines, father of Jack Raines, of our Machine Shop, passed away at his home in Bradley on Monday, September 20. Surviving are his wife, Ada, two daughters, Mrs. Louise Singleton and Miss Loretta Raines and the son, Jack, all of Bradley.

## SAYS FAREWELL

To my many, many friends at David Bradley, I wish to express sincere appreciation for your cooperation and friendship.

G. L. LUKE

## Earl Goudreau Explains Community Chest Work

By EARL GOUDREAU

For the second successive year I have had the pleasure and privilege to serve on the budget committee of the Kankakee Community Chest. It was the general opinion of the group that our efforts and experiences would aid us greatly in the actual campaign for funds that will open in the near future. This article is offered to the readers of The Pioneer Plowman to clarify many questions that might come up.

To begin with, this committee is headed by a retired Kankakee business man, who feels that what he has come from the community, and that in his remaining years his efforts should be devoted to serving this community as well. Eight additional members complete the roster of this board, and their varied experiences were greatly responsible for the amiable and just conclusions on which were based its recommendations to the board of directors of the Chest.

The first meeting of this group was held in the Kankakee Hotel on Sunday, September 12, at 9 a.m. An all-day schedule was arranged before hand by President R. M. Kerst, for the representatives of the various agencies to submit their applications in person and to explain any part of their request that might be questioned by any member of the budget group. The most educational and enlightening activity of the budget committee is when these people explain their activities in detail, and concern themselves mainly with the welfare of our youth, the care of the needy and the assurance that our War Veterans, especially the disabled ones, will be given the best

of care. Another factor of interest was the number of children their various programs covered. In my opinion this type of community work, under the supervision of qualified direction, which most of these agencies have or are striving to attain, will do more in the fight against juvenile delinquency we are all waging.

The point I am trying to convey is that it does cost much more to all of us, whether we realize it or not, to take care of a boy in St. Charles or a girl at Dwight than to maintain the agencies that are always planning the proper programs to guide our youth in the right direction so that they may become the finer citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

The second and final meeting of this group was held at McBroom's beginning at 6 p.m., Monday, September 13. At that time each and everyone of the applications was reviewed—one at a time. Several of the requests of agencies which had no representatives or headquarters in Kankakee were eliminated due to the fact that in most of these cases there were distinct possibilities of overlapping services and programs that our own local and governmental agencies would cover. In all of these cases, however, it was agreed that there would be no reflection of any kind on the programs proposed. It was pointed out that only a limited amount of funds could be raised in the campaign and we were all agreed that these funds would come from our local organizations, who are more familiar with the problems of the community.

The primary function of this

## Locker System To Undergo Revision

By FRANK SOVINSKI

Many of the large number of men whose work areas are now located in the new manufacturing building no longer utilize the lockers that had been issued to them. In an effort to improve the locker system and to learn which lockers are not being used, we are reissuing them. Identifying tags will be placed in all the lockers in the Personnel building within the week.

Anyone desiring one of these lockers are requested to place their locker and clock numbers on the spaces provided and return them to the writer's desk. The locker number is stenciled above the locker door. The locker will then be recorded as yours, eliminating the possibility of being reissued to another worker.

committee was to recommend a budget to the board of directors that could be met in the forthcoming drive. As a result some requests were reduced where it was felt that this could be done without impairing the work and progress too much.

In conclusion, I might say that it was a pleasure to work with the fine group of men on this committee. I invite all questions regarding the Community Chest and its agencies to be referred to me for a answer. As

suggest we all give this considerable thought and when the time comes to give, let's all remember that "too many don't give and so many give too little."

## 'Old-Timer' Tusinski Advised to Come to America By Friend; Nears 34th Year With DB

Wicenty (Hons) Tusinski was born in Poland on July 10, 1888. He was the second son and child. His father passed away when Hons was four years of age.

At the age of 18 Hons received a letter from one of his childhood friends who had sailed for America several years before. The attractive description of the U.S.A. by his friend convinced Hons that he, too, should leave the old country. He sailed the following year on a tramp steamer and 17 days later landed in New York, where he was met by his friend, who took him to his home near Newark, N.J.

## Worked for Railroad

Hons obtained work with a railroad as a section hand at the rate of 14 cents per hour. After three years he decided that his future was somewhere else, so he resigned and worked on various jobs for the next eight years around Bradley and Kankakee.

On January 15, 1915, he was married to Stella Norworski, a Brady girl. To this marriage were born three sons, Joseph, Theodore and Stephen, who died at the age of 9, and a daughter, Vick Harris. Hons' son-in-law, Lawnce, works in our Engineering Department. The son, Joseph is the father of a one-year-old boy.

Hons began work at David Brady on January 20, 1920, as a blacksmith helper in our Forge Shop. After two years there, he transferred to the Foundry as a mold, where he is working today.

He is a member of the Profit Shang Pan, Group Insurance, and our "20 Year Club." A quiet, conservative fellow, Hons goes about doing his work in the only



way he knows—loyally and conscientiously. His attendance record indicates that he has lost only six days' work during the past five years. He accredits this record to his conviction that the company has the right to expect

him to be on the job every day and that it is his job to give them good castings.

Men of this calibre will always get along with anyone and make the kind of good American citizens we are all proud of.

# Dear David:

With the coming election and political campaigns in full swing, I find the fellows in the shop not too concerned about the next President, but more concerned about business outlook and the cost of living.

No accurate prediction can be made of 1949 except in comparison with the present year on estimated trends.

This year will produce new highs for store sales. Although official government figures are not yet available on retail sales for the first half of the year, they are expected to reach \$60.3 billion or more, which will be an 11.5 per cent increase over the 1947 volume of \$54.3 billion. With the second half, which is expected to increase 12.31 per cent for all kinds of stores, the year's volume will be better than \$131.5 billion.

Average hourly earnings of production workers of 25 manufacturing industries reached a new peak in May, but the average weekly earnings declined, the National Industrial Conference Board reported. The hourly average was slightly more than \$1.43 for the 28th consecutive monthly advance.

There was a considerable decline in total hours worked, and as a result, average weekly earnings of production workers fell to \$56.86 in May. This was a decline of 24 cents from the April average.

The biggest Christmas in history is already on the way. Goods are moving to retailers, manufacturers, distributors, expecting rising dollar volume to continue through the holiday season.

Over half the European Recovery Program goods are being furnished by the United States. Of the \$5.3 billion to be spent on the program the first year, 54 per cent will be for U.S. products, according to an analytical chart issued by the American Industrial and Commercial Association, Inc. The largest portion of the money, \$379 million, will be used for purchasing petroleum products, which will come entirely from the U.S. This country also will supply \$245 million worth of coal, \$75.5 million worth of steel and \$43.3 million worth of electrical equipment.

On the outlook for lower prices, a real promise is seen by Morris Sayre, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, with bumper crops in prospect here and abroad; by lessened demand abroad and more production at home. Of course, the cost of living was expected to rise through the Summer months, but is expected to level or recede by the first of the year.

Your dollar, compared with what it would buy in August of 1939, is now worth only 57 cents.

## Purchasing Group Praises Plant for Cleanliness

A group of eight purchasing agents from other Sears-owned plants spent Tuesday, September 21, at David Bradley. They were escorted through the plant by Joe Graser, R. Rogers and Frank Sovinski. At the completion of the tour it was gratifying to have them remark about the cleanliness of the plant.

Their statement proves that workers do want to work in a clean, orderly place. Unfortunately, however we still have a few workers who habitually disregard all of the pleas in maintaining Good Housekeeping practices.

The worker himself can help his foreman, his co-workers and himself by correcting the thoughtless man who continues to throw things about in a careless manner.

## Service Anniversaries

### FIVE YEARS

Haven Cross, Receiving (October 6, 1943).

Roger Beckman, Supervisor (October 13, 1943).

Ignatz Dyrkus, Receiving (October 19, 1943).

Louis Richa, Warehouse (October 21, 1943).

Wendell Thaden, Foundry (October 22, 1943).

James Wright, Maintenance (October 26, 1943).

That's the point behind the government's announcement that living costs now have reached an all-time high.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics disclosed that the cost of living is now 74 per cent above what it was in August of 1939.

The biggest rise in the cost of any group since August, 1939, has been food. It has gone up 129 per cent. In the food group, the biggest rise was meat. It has gone up 167 1/2 per cent.

On the labor outlook, a new \$3 billion increase in defense spending in the 1948-49 fiscal year, piled on top of the peacetime draft, will create a combined demand for one million additional workers and new servicemen within the next 12 months. Federal statisticians say the present 61 million "full employment" already has the country down to rock-bottom man-power reserves. Man-power officials concerned with filling defense production needs, think they have at least a partial solution to their prospective problem. They are trying to steer armament production away from "tight" labor markets to localities where more workers are available.

Well, David, these few statistics should give the boys a little more food for thought in their discussion. A FRIEND.

# Accidents Caused By Running In Plant

By FRANK SOVINSKI

Our First Aid records indicate that a number of minor bruises, sprains and abrasions have been reported in recent weeks, and that the cause of many of these injuries is that some workers are committing the very unsafe practice of running in the plant, particularly the people in the new east building.

All too often workers fail to observe the caution signs placed near the doorways as they leave the building. They run out of the building onto the roadway without looking for oncoming traffic, take shortcuts through open boxcar doors, jump out of them onto the roadway and create much confusion by pushing and jamming up at the time clocks at quitting time.

Injury cases of these types can be eliminated by using good, common sense. Look both ways BEFORE leaving doorways, don't take shortcuts and discontinue the practice of running in the plant. It only leads to an accident!

## CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN—NOT HURT!

A nine-year-old boy was seriously injured as a result of a recent auto accident several blocks south of the plant. All drivers should be aware of the fact that the crossing on Schuyler Avenue, at the east end of the subway is also a school crossing for children living on the east side of Bradley.

Naturally, no one likes to hear of a child being struck by an automobile. It would be a worse tragedy should one of us be the driver at the time.

The B. American Legion Post, recently installed appropriate caution signs at all school crossings, appealing to car drivers to drive carefully. This noble gesture should be sufficient warning to us when driving our cars.

Another driving hazard that seems to be on the increase is the manner in which some people operate their cars when leaving the plant, either at lunch time or at the end of their shift. A number of minor accidents can be attributed to the reckless manner in which some motorists leave the parking lot.

So, again we say—DRIVE CAREFULLY! CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN, NOT HURT!

# Happy Birthday!

- OCT. 1—Edward Geistwhite, Machine Shop; Stanley Stanke-wicz, Paint Shop; Harold Bastin, Assembly; Clifford Hender-shott, Paint Shop.
- OCT. 2—Ernest Pray, Stoker Re-pairs; Charles Wiggs, Office; Adeloire Odette, Cutting in Room.
- OCT. 3—Foster Walker, Assem-bly.
- OCT. 4—Melvin Schnell, Tool and Die.
- OCT. 5—Lee Herscher, Office; Kathryn Montgomery, Office; Hiram Essington, Forge Shop; Napoleon LaFrance, Tool and Die; Elbert Russell, Foundry; Arthur Cox, Foundry.
- OCT. 6—Eugene Sprimont, Of-fice; Arthur Blanchette, Ma-chine Shop; Jesse Jacobs, Cut-ting-in Room.
- OCT. 7—Eldon Castongia, Forge Shop; Raymond Konigawski, Machine Shop; Howard Davis, Foundry; Mike Mrozowicz, Foundry; Leonard Allen, Stok-ers.
- OCT. 8—Paul Strickler, Receiv-ing; William Kilbride, Ware-house.
- OCT. 9—Frank Tur, Foundry; El-mer Leathers, Stokers; Ray-mond Ponikvar, Welding; Clar-ence Ward, Grinding.
- OCT. 10—Forrest Barriball, Su-pervisor; Rudolph Koehle, Of-fice; Clarence Jeneary, Ware-house; David Walters, Assem-bly; Clarence Buck, Machine Shop; Aldimore Bertrand, As-sembly; Vernon Williams, Steel Stores.
- OCT. 11—Chelsea Renshaw, Of-fice; Nick Gineris, Office; Rob-ert Peach, Office.
- OCT. 12—Egbert Graham, Stok-ers.
- OCT. 13—Joseph Jakob, Supervi-sor; Earl Messerle, Supervisor; Virgil Kirk, Paint Shop; Ken-neth Farley, Forge Shop; Hor-ace Petty, Electrical.
- OCT. 14—Frederick Hasemeyer, Supervisor; John Grimes, Of-fice; George Walsh, Office; Harold Wiltfang, Office; Roger Cahill, Machine Shop; Ronald Crunk, Maintenance.
- OCT. 15—Willard Nelson, Tool and Die; Stanislaw Koza, Main-tenance; James Maher, Forge Shop; Archibald Arseneau, Tin Shop.
- OCT. 16—Jewel Griest, Stokers; Ben Cremer, Foundry.
- OCT. 17—Wayne Wingert, Office; Van Davis, Foundry; Homer White, Inspection; Charles Wil-liamson, Grinding.
- OCT. 18—Floyd Simerson, Office; Robert Vickery, Office.
- OCT. 20—Finley Belcher, Super-visor; Malcolm McCranie, Forge Shop.
- OCT. 21—Maxine Bouchard, Of-fice; George Clark, Assembly; Rene LaGesse, Welding; Bern-ard Wieliczko, Receiving.
- OCT. 22—Maxine Lambert, Of-fice; Lawrence Cox, Foundry; Richard Trombley, Assembly; Martin Guhl, Warehouse; Ben

- Graham, Cutting-in Room.
- OCT. 23—Octave Fortin, Mainte-nance; Cecil Elsey, Welding; Leo Williamson, Forge Shop; Alex Kaplinski, Machine Shop; Nicholas Feller, Grinding.
- OCT. 24—Maerita Wertz, Person-nel; Lloyd Sinclair, Foundry; Warren Kissack, Stokers; Cur-tis Karr, Cutting-in Room.
- OCT. 25—Doris Dupuis, Office; Leo DeMers, Assembly; Homer Guimond, Tin Shop.
- OCT. 26—Leroy LaMontagne, Foundry; Edwin Licht, Electrical.
- OCT. 27—Clarence Standley, Of-fice; Leonard Cotton, Office; Ambrose Lochner, Experimen-tal.
- OCT. 28—Laverne Quade, Super-visor; Andrew Rivard, Office; Harold Capelle, Grinding.
- OCT. 29—Anthony Staniszewski, Supervisor; Vernon Foster, Foundry; Carroll O'Mara, Stok-ers.
- OCT. 30—William Beck, Office; Basil Barr, Forge Shop; Joseph Keigher, Office.
- OCT. 31—Dorothy Witt, Office; Leroy Mathew, Forge Shop; Wayne Rasmussen, Warehouse.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

- FOR RENT  
TWO ROOMS, FURNISHED OR unfurnished. 447 S. Blaine, Bradley. See James Lovell, As-sembly. Phone 2484-3.
- WANTED TO BUY  
FOUR-WHEEL TRAILER, WITH car hitch. Joseph Robin, Time Study Department.
- LOST  
LIGHT BROWN BILLFOLD with school papers enclosed. Finder please return to James Caryer or Personnel Department.
- FOR SALE  
6-ROOM MODERN HOME, COR-ner lot, paved street, 3 bed-rooms with large clothes closets, and built-in drawers, all hard wood floors, full basement, hot air furnace, fruit trees, flowers, etc. Garage and chicken house. Could easily be made into two apartments. See Jack Draves, Metallurgical Laboratory. Phone 6180 for appointment.
- JACK POST, 6 TO 8 FEET, like new. See Guy Gardner, Implement Experimental. Phone 3692-3.
- HEATROLA STOVE (HEATS 5 to 6 rooms). See Ed Burr in the Foundry or phone 2866.
- COAL OR WOOD - BURNING circulating heater, like new. Heats 4 to 5 rooms. See Clovie Longest in Department 67.
- FOUND  
PARKER FOUNTAIN PEN. Own-er may have same by identifi-ying this article at the Personnel Office.

## ASSEMBLY DEPT. EMPLOYES, FAMILIES ENJOY OUTING AT WENZELMAN'S GROVE



Employees of the Assembly Department and their families enjoyed a picnic at Wenzelman's grove on Saturday, September 11. Approximately 60 members of the department were present with their families. Many came after the above picture was taken.

The wonderful weather and beautiful grounds added to the enjoyment of food, refreshments and entertainment. Donald Frech-

ette is to be thanked for the use of his public address system which kept the group's attention to announcements of games and events, besides furnishing music by recordings.

The softball game between the Assemblers and the Paint Shop seemed to be the highlight of the entertainment. The Painters won from the Assemblers in the last of the seventh inning. Joe Jakob

managed the Painters, whi Roy Erickson coached and pitched for the Assemblers.

One of the questionable plays occurred when Ron Prairie cimed he caught Francis Goselin's home run which went over a bar. Of course Erickson's curve ball, which was too much for Joe Jakob, causing him to slide his face after a full swing derves comment.

Frank Ownich and Joe Usewicz were winners in the horseshoe pitching contest. The first game they defeated their bosses, Jakob and Kerouac, by a score of 21 to 8.

Mrs. L. Power took first and Mrs. F. Goselin second in the women's race.

In the free-for-all men's race, Kenny Erickson was first, with Ronald Prairie second.

In the men's race (over 30 years of age), Harold Wetmore was first with L. Power a close second.

Mrs. L. Power took honors in the bean guessing contest.

Everyone at the picnic had a wonderful time. Many who were not present regret they were unable to attend. Everyone is looking forward to a bigger and better picnic next year.

# Jibes, Jests and Facts About Folks You Know

## Foundry Facts

We wonder if Al Schultz got out of the dog house yet. Last week when it was raining hard at 3:30 p.m., Mrs. Schultz was waiting for him at the west entrance of the plant. So what does Al do but take a short cut from the Foundry to the parking lot and drives off leaving her stranded. Oh, well, he only had two bumps on his head the next day.

Johnny Gawronski and Johnny Usecwicz were arguing the other day as to whether a catfish had scales or not. Finally Gawronski said that Usecwicz wouldn't know anyhow, as he never caught one big enough to put on a scale.

Frankie McNash and Gene Seemark always look like owls on Saturday and Sunday evenings. After working the second shift for so long, they can see just as well in the dark.

The shake-out gang is talking about getting up a petition to sue Harry Girard for his new red Buick convertible sedan unless he gets them more help. Don't worry, fellows, Harry told us that any of you can borrow it during the day when it is parked out front.

## Maintenance Musings

By EVERETTE MULLIGAN

Miss Eleanor Leonard of Raleigh, N. C., and Lyle Smith, of our Maintenance Department were married last Saturday.

The boys of the Maintenance group held a shotgun mock wedding in their honor the evening prior in a Chebanse hall.

Brother Joe LeClair acted as the minister, Shorty Styk, the bride, Bill Rogers as the groom, Don Reimus, the father-in-law, Howard Falter, the best man and Ted Martin, the bridesmaid. Oscar Hansen and Don Bell were the flower girls. A lovely reception followed the wedding.

You can bet for sure, the boys really married Lyle off in good fashion.

## Machine Shop

By JERRY POWERS

Melvin Moutrey was married last Saturday with Al Barham as best man. We wish Melvin and his wife lots of luck and years of happiness.

The sympathy of the fellows in the department is extended to Jack Raines on the death of his father.

Since the Frenchman beat Tony Zale, Al Guenette won't talk to any of his Polish friends like Alex Koplinski and Ted Potrzebski.

The gang is waiting for the "Little Round Man's" return. Hurry and get well, Dick.

If any guy wants to see Ray Konigowski start moving, just drop a dollar bill on the ground. He's plenty fast then!

The reason the morning and noon bell didn't ring Monday was because they were afraid the Tin Shop and Machine Shop would come out fighting.

## Tin Shop Rattles

By AMBROSE HACKLEY

We hope that the starting of this edition will give all the fellows in our department the enthusiasm to become interested in what our fellow buddies are doing, in and out of the factory. If any of you fellows on any of the shifts think you have any news about any of the boys let us know.

We hear that Elmer Rieck has a tie hid in his pocket when he comes in on the second shift. He waits until the fellows from the first shift have gone home before he puts it on. Is that right, Floyd? If anyone has any spare ties maybe Elmer can use them.

The way Shorty LaMontagne keeps working at different presses, we can't help but lose track of whose helper he is. Shorty will be in the market for selling rabbits pretty soon. He recently acquired a couple of rabbits.

The fellows have been telling me that everytime they go over to see Schwartz he has his shoes off. Is that how she keeps you in at nights, Floyd? Or are you conserving shoe leather?

If anyone comes across a pair of pants with more than four pockets and a shirt with more than two pockets, will they kindly tell Bill Stuck. You must be pretty tired after carrying all

that stuff around for eight hours, Bill.

Eddie Klonowski informs me that Earl Hampson is coming along very good. A few of the fellows have paid a visit at the hospital and he appreciated it very much. Anytime you are going by the hospital and have a few minutes to spare, drop in and see him. His room number is 208.

Bud Brosseau is getting off the mule after quite a few years. What's the matter, Bud, do you have to lose a little weight.

All the fellows welcome the following new men in our department: Leo Williamson, Joe Gall, Francis Regnier, John Renville, John Spaulding, Jr., Jerome Boudreau, Virgil Lloyd, Francis Vellutini, Chester Smith, James Kane, Richard Meyer, Arthur Johannes, Stanley Mingleford, Roy Jenkins, Glenn Wright, James Loving and Harold Craver.

Guess this will be all for this issue. We will be talking at you next edition. Keep smiling!

## Repair Parts

By DAISY LOGAN

We have lost our checker, Herbert Edwards, who's going into the coal business. He bought out the Steward Coal company, which is now known as the Edward's Coal company. If any of you get caught in a draft and get chilly, well, get busy and order your coal from Eddie.

We also miss our office clerk, Joanne Grasser, who left us about two weeks ago to attend Webster College in Missouri. Lots of luck, Joanne.

Our department, Leo Brais' office and Johnston's Service Department enjoyed themselves last Wednesday evening at a weiner roast at Altorf Park. Our visitors were our husbands and wives. Everyone had a good time and were able to be to work the next day and in the best of health.

What's puzzling all of us is that weiner Daisy Logan found in Wilma Firmwalt's purse. She must have been keeping it for her mid-morning snack the next day. We all had so much to eat she was just keeping what she could not eat.

By the way, Rosella Hirt is just crazy over strawberry pop. It is a favorite of all favorites with Rosella.

We found out that we have a duet in our department. Just ask Clarence and Harry to sing a little tune for you. Believe me, it's out of this world.

Loretta, what was tickling you so bad when you asked the boss for some bags?

We have some pretty smooth skaters—Tom and Jeanne Kerouac, Melvin Weiske, Harry Leggot, Norma Kray and her cousin, Wayne Logan.

Ralph Shaw, the next time you go out, don't wear the red shirt. We can spot you for a mile away!

## Tips from Receiving and Stores

By CHARLENE WHITEHURST

The men of Receiving and Stores Department wish to thank the Union for having such a nice picnic, which most of them attended Saturday. Everyone had a grand time, although some of them did have a few too many.

Leo Williamson is back with us after having a few days off for his honeymoon. Best of luck to both you and the little woman, Leo.

Everyone seems to be talking about the dance to be held for Leon Kerouac and his family. The tickets are going fast, so all of you had better buy some. After all, it couldn't be for a better cause.

Tony has a new man in his department. His name is Jim Billadeau. We hope you like it here, Jim, and stay with us a long time.

## Steel Stories

By JESSE BROUILLETTE

Guess what? The honorable Don Billadeau is driving a 1948 Plymouth!

Toby and Jack were both off Monday. Jack was pallbearer for an old friend, Joe Rickus, who used to work in the Cutting Room.

Rube seems to be doing a nice job of it at nights.

Attention Jim Purdue and Leroy Hummel: For free fishing lessons see Johnnie Grimes and Joe Plante.

## Experimental Splatter

When this department news for our last issue was written up, we had a very fitting title for our Experimental Department. We noticed that it wasn't printed. Our board of censors threw it out. "Pussy Foots," "Fraidy Cats," we'll try another to see if it will stick.

It looks as if our friend, "Fix-it," has quit feuding. Guess he's so busy on his new job his shot gun got rusty. Anyhow it was fun while it lasted, but it seems someone wants to carry on. Gen provocal, the reporter for the second floor office, used to be a friend of mine, so I thought, but she is taking up where Scott left off. I warned her not to stick her neck out. I suppose now that she is a ball player she is going to pinch hit for Scott. In her last issue of our plant paper she wanted to know what kind of "man sized mice" we are up here. We have never been called mice before, often called rats but, personally speaking, we are perhaps a bunch of wolves. I can remember an old grandmother say that when she was a little girl and they were out at night and heard a wolf howl, they ran hard for home so they could have the protection of their home and their parents, but now in this heyday when they hear the wolf call, they turn around to see what kind of car he is driving. Gen paid us a visit one morning this week and we were glad to see her, but there wasn't a squeak or wolf howl except from our youngest protege, "Wolf—Joe Fry," which is to be expected.

You know he has a head like a door knob; any girl can turn it. Now with Gen starting a feuding act she may get into something, and it makes me think of one time when I was riding on a crowded bus. A lady entered the bus and had to hang on the strap. She put her foot on the foot of a man sitting in the seat in front of me and stood there without taking it off. The man took it as long as he could then finally said, "Madam, will you please get off of my foot?" She answered and said, "Why don't you put your foot where it belongs?" The man perhaps was irritated by this time for he replied, "Don't tempt me, Madam."

Heard a good one on Red Lochner. He and his wife went up town one Monday night, window shopping. They stopped in front of one of the men's furnishing stores where they had men's bath robes on display in the window. Guess they looked too long and Red's wife was perhaps getting impatient for she said, "Aw, Red, you don't want to buy that. You know you always take your bath naked."

Joe Fry has a new Kaiser. When he got back from camp with Company E, that very day he got into a smash-up in Aroma Park. After telling the bunch about it, one spoke up and said, "You must drive like lightning."

"Yep," he said, "I struck a telephone pole."

You know Joubert has a new baby and we were talking about babies and children when Clodi spoke up with this one: "I don't care what you say, a little one sure brightens up the home." Joubert, who knows by now, piped up with, "You sure are right, for I've had a light on every night since it came." How about it Byan?

Talk about being bright, Joubert also tells one on his little girl. She asked her mother if they always buy babies by the pound. "No," she said, "what makes you ask that?" "Because they always weigh them just as soon as they are born."

Paul Boudreau says he is in the dog house at home. He says his wife baked him a marble cake and he took it for "granite." He had better follow the old adage: The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

Harry Gilbert came to work on one of the days when we had those fogs about two weeks ago. He claimed the fog was so dense that he had to get out of his car and shove it off the road.

At this date it looks like we will soon be on the move again. We will be right back where we started some years ago and the wheel will have made a cycle. I wonder what next?

Myron Madison, a reserve officer in the Air Corps, will soon be leaving to take a two-week course in flying. He has talked to us about flying and its various angles and many in the bunch told of the number of airplane rides they have made. Rantz spoke up and said that he had only one

trip in the air and can't remember anything about it. When questioned as to why he can't remember, he said: "Why, that was when the stork brought me."

## First Aid Hypos

Ray Hayes is such a golf bug. Made \$8 last Sunday—Caddy in between stakes.

Personnel Department picnic: All present except one—ambulance drove up with the missing member. Sovinski spent the a.m. at the Machinists get-together.

Ronald Prairie loves neighbors. Dug a fox hole, and during an air raid buddy jumped in first.

Say, Earl Hampson, according to Dr. Moore, you are the prize patient. Sorry you have to stay "put" for a while, but then won't you get in on the world series, not to overlook football?

There was considerable neck-cutting when Charles Dattilo and Frank Ovnick started to dispose of tickets for the benefit dance. They had the field to themselves till noon, then when we went out and things were sewed up.

And writing about chislers recalls the tale of the diabetic grandmother who would slip away form her diet occasionally, and finally was hospitalized. Due to the lack of a bed in the Medical Department, she was admitted to the O.B. floor. One evening her granddaughter sallies up to O.B. to visit grandma, and as a child will she walked out into the hall. She asked by the nurse on the floor, whom she was visiting. "Grandma," replied the girl. "Grandma?" said the nurse, surprised. "Oh, yes," came the answer, "she's been cheating again."

After looking at the spray booth in Larry Power's department, I have at last discovered how Indians are made, especially after seeing Ed Hess and Bob Blanchette.

## Office (1st Floor)

By CORRENE MEHRER

Everyone was glad to see Mr. Robb back to work after his recent illness. He surley gave us a scare. Goes to show you, you just can't keep a good man down! Take care of yourself, Mr. Robb.

Ernie Brown is the proud papa of a new girl. Congratulations! Chuck McNulty left David Bradley to become bokkeeper for the Packard garage. Good luck, Chuck! Marie Legris is replacing him.

Ten of the girls got together the other night for a bowling match and proved that it would have been great fun to have had a league. What was the name of that salad you were mixing, Pauline?

Renetta Toma came dashing out of the tabulating room one day last week and wanted a meat sandwich. We had just finished lunch, so the cupboard was bare. We had a piece of cake though, so being good hearted, offered it to her. She said, "No, I don't think that will do." You see, a dog had wandered in from the warehouse and Renetta, talking his language, understood he wanted only a meat sandwich.

## Sickle and Cutting-In

We wonder why Reed is so fond of rats—or is it visa versa? Couldn't be the old adage of "birds of a feather."

Frank Eisle, our trucker, has been transferred to the Inspection Department.

Have you noticed that since Syl Buck has transferred to nights, Purdue comes to work wearing a tie.

Benton Hunter, one of our third shift press operators, has transferred to the Time Study Department as a trainee.

Our old buddy, Sam Ritchey, is very ill at the hospital. Attention to the dove hunters of the department! How can you expect world peace while slaughtering the bird of peace?

We understand Purdue's and Hummel's plans to commercialize on a fishing class have been dropped. Their competitors, Johnny Grimes, is advertising free fishing lessons.

We are still getting new members to the department. It seems the old members are in the minority.

For this issue we wish to welcome Richard Smith, Russel Stone, Edward Trombley, Duane Forman, Ben Graham, and Milford Garner.

## Acids and Fumes

By JACK DRAVES

Jeanne, the new Lab. reporter, is down for the count with flu. The reports (to be typed) are steadily piling up on her desk. Better get well before we have to use bailers on them. Handy is soon to try his hand at a new vocation—yes, its plastering.

Johnny spent last week-end in Terre Haute. To be sure, the Mrs. was along on their visit to the folks.

Jimmy likes his new place in Kankakee. Leastwise his wife does, since he now rides to work while his wife has the car to use all day.

Cecil attended a panel meeting in Chicago on Tuesday. What a day to drive—rain all day!

Jack would like to know several new sources for pigs—the iron type—suitable for cupalo and air furnace melting.

## Forgings

By HAROLD SIEFERT and JOE DEMENT

It is reported that Thomas Reichart makes trips to Washington for a patent on his new techniques for running certain jobs on 202 press. Any luck yet, Thomas?

Did anyone else notice that Charles Senesac has switched to smoking cigars, as of late? Wonder why?

Joe Hanko has ben off the last few days with a very bad leg. Hurry back, Joe.

We are sorry that L. Dionne's name was misspelled in the last issue. You know, the name was made famous by that Canadian branch.

I met Charles Lamke on his way home from work for the city. He retired from Bradley several years ago. He has lost only one day in two years.

Stanley and Joe, formerly of first press, now in Electric Department, keep Department 22 spic and span.

H. Morrison, night welder, is back on a sardine diet.

Anyone bothered by peeping toms? Send for Jack Spaulding, he'll break them of that habit.

Congratulations, Emory Dionne, on your new job.

Sorry, Gale Alberts. Gale is building a garage, not a house, so far.

To whom it may concern: You will have to quit picking on our mule drivers. Two at one time is above the law of average.

## Scraps from Second

By GEN PROVONCAL

Everyone likes a surprise and is happy when surprised, but no one was ever happier nor more surprised than Barbara Korstick of Material Control, two weeks ago. At 11:30 a.m. Barbara was leading a normal peaceful life and at 11:45 a.m. the phone rang. Then, presto, her lucky star was shining and she was the owner of a brand new 1948 Plymouth—and just for 25 cents too. You see, Barbara was the holder of the winning ticket at the Peotone Street Carnival. Congratulations, Barbara! We're all very happy that lucky day came. It couldn't have happened to a nicer person.

If you see a fellow carrying off desks (and we don't know what else), don't be alarmed. Well, not unduly so, anyway! In broad daylight we witnessed a certain party and two of his friends carrying off a big desk from the Engineering Department last week. Now, we've all seen brave thieves and bold ones, but that was the ultimate. All we can say is, beware! The fifth floor bunch has no scruples.

The other day we found out just why Andy Rivard is continually griping because he doesn't make enough money. Lucille Kelly asked him to do something and he told her (himself), "I don't get paid for what I do, I get paid for what I know!" After all, Andy, you gotta have some reason for being paid!

This is to inform anyone who thought we were in for an air raid two weeks ago Sunday, that they were unduly alarmed. It was only the Skyline Club, of which Merle Bloom is a member, taking off for a breakfast hop to the Illini Airport south of Champaign. Mr. Bloom tells us that it is his idea of a nice airport. He tells us that it has every conceivable facility.

Last Friday we said farewell to two of our fellow workers. (Continued on Next Page)

# DB Bowling League Scheduled To See Action On October 5

The David Bradley intra-plant bowling league will start its 1948-49 season at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, at the Marycrest Lanes in East Kankakee. The league will bowl at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening for 30 weeks, completing the season on Tuesday, April 26.

The season was expected to begin several weeks earlier, but the management of the new alleys ran into difficulty in procuring new equipment. Despite the two-week setback in our opening date, we will finish a week earlier than last season, as we will not miss any nights of bowling due to the holidays, as was the case last year.

In organizing the 16 teams for this season it became necessary to make several changes in the team line-ups. On each team will be men from the plant, office and supervision.

All bowlers are invited to attend a meeting to be held at 3:30 p.m., tomorrow (Wednesday, September 29), in the conference room, at which time the method of distributing prize money, rate of bowling fees and rules and by-laws will be decided.

## FOLKS YOU KNOW . . .

(Continued from Preceding Page)

Bob Peach, who has been working in Methods, left Bradley to attend the University of Chicago, where he will do graduate work in business management, and Don McLaren of Material Control left to move to Detroit, Mich. Good luck fellows! Let us hear from you once in awhile.

Famous last words: Glendoris Pray, "Where the flies go, I go too." Lila Fortier, "I haven't found out if he's married, yet." Rex Bainter, "Thank heaven, I found that Time Study." (P.S.—He's lost two more since, however.) "Wanna-Bet - A - Buck" Haines, "Why don't somebody tell me those things, that?" (darn) beer token!" "I - Don't - Want - to - Lose-a-point" Scelze, "Where did that point go?"

We want to take this opportunity to extend our sympathy to Adeline Durrel, whose stepfather, Joseph Rickus, passed away a week ago last Friday.

Comes the time now to say hello to the newcomers. There are several this time. In Material Control we welcome Richard Hopkins, who is working on the raw material files, and Joe Keigher, who is working with Leo Mathy on repair parts. In Time Study, we meet Lew Harris, Bennie Hunter, Anthony Kroc and Harold Wiltfang. Hope each of you enjoy your work here at David Bradley.

Here we put in a plea to the management. If it is at all possible, we should like to have an

**ATTENTION, TRAP SHOOTERS!**  
Watch bulletin board for announcement of a trap shoot to be held in the near future.

escalator installed between first and second. You see, climbing stairs works quite a hardship and use of a block and tackle is ineffective to get certain people up to second after a strenuous game of softball. At any rate, that's the way Wes Scott feels about the matter.

And while we're speaking of Wes Scott, it seems that a recent picnic this gent and Larry Powers really showed Gabe Kerouac and Frank Ovnich how to pitch horsehoes! As an added bit of info, we hear Wes and Larry forgot to practice what they preached when they started battling the Wasetis brothers!

Sleep, ah, beautiful sleep. Anytime anywhere. And as the time is between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and the place, at work, it's still beautiful! Well, it is until some killjoy comes by and drops a waste basket hard enough to wake up Rip Van Winkle. We think Quade should be ashamed of himself, don't you, Clarence?

Since we're on a quiet subject, we want to tell about a history-making ball game we watched the other night, when Bradley's Industrial team played in Manteno. We saw and heard the most amazing, most astonishing and most astounding ball game on record. There was no noise! None whatsoever! Now if anyone thinks it's easy to play ball and make no noise, just see Nick Gineris or "Puss" Newman or Floyd Simerson for information. Besides, the Bradley fans couldn't even make any noise. See now what we mean about a history making game?

In closing, may we ask Elmer Mehrer "if the desire to kill and the opportunity to kill always came together, who would escape hanging?" Mark Twain was a pretty smart fellow, don't you think, Elmer?

## Assemblers and Paint Shop

From reports of some of the men in Departments 34 and 36, the stag picnic of September 18 was a "bang-up" success.

Jim Lovell has solved his housing problem by purchasing a house on South Blaine. He moved in last week. At the time of this writing, he even has two rooms for rent.

Dave Walter's little girl is in the hospital for a check-up. We hope that it's not very serious. Leo Williamson, delivery clerk

## Lavern Adams, Killed in Action, Buried at Mt. Calvary

The body of Pvt. Lavern Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Adams, was buried in Mt. Calvary cemetery Saturday morning, September 18. He was a member of Company I, 9th Division of the 47th Infantry and was killed in action in France on August 16, 1944.

Pvt. Adams began in our employment on December 10, 1942, as an inspector on mortar shells. He was granted a military leave of absence on December 10, 1943.

Lavern was the first "Gold Star" on the David Bradley service flag. In addition to his parents, surviving are a brother, Leroy, two sisters, Mrs. John Skloppe and Mrs. Vernon Harris, all of Kankakee.

We all join in expressing our sympathy to his survivors.

for Departments 34 and 36, was married September 9 in the Methodist church. Congratulations, Leo.

Sophie and Norman Pawloski were so happy about finding an apartment and moving in that they hated to come to work the next day.

William Mullett's son, Wesley, is going to be married next week. Cheer up, Bill. Isn't there an old saying about not losing a son, but gaining a daughter?

Aldimore Bertrand is back at work after being off several months. During his absence he took a leisurely trip through Colorado, where he visited San Francisco, Hollywood and Catalina Island.

We see Bud Trepanier is again busy at the Cutter Bar Mower bench. Lets hope it lasts, eh Bud?

Pearl Lafond experienced her most embarrassing moment recently. She ate her dinner at the Glass Rail, and then discovered she had lost her billfold. She was more embarrassed than worried over the loss of the money.

Bill Mullett is the new "set-up-and-instruct" man in Department 36.

There is some talk of taking up a collection to purchase head gear for Ron Prairie. It seems he had bumped his head again after that 5-stitch job last week.

Who says Beverly Osenga is the quiet type? During our absence we have learned that after a dental extraction, it required two dentists and a medic to check a bleeder. Was that the reason Red Cross requested extra donors?

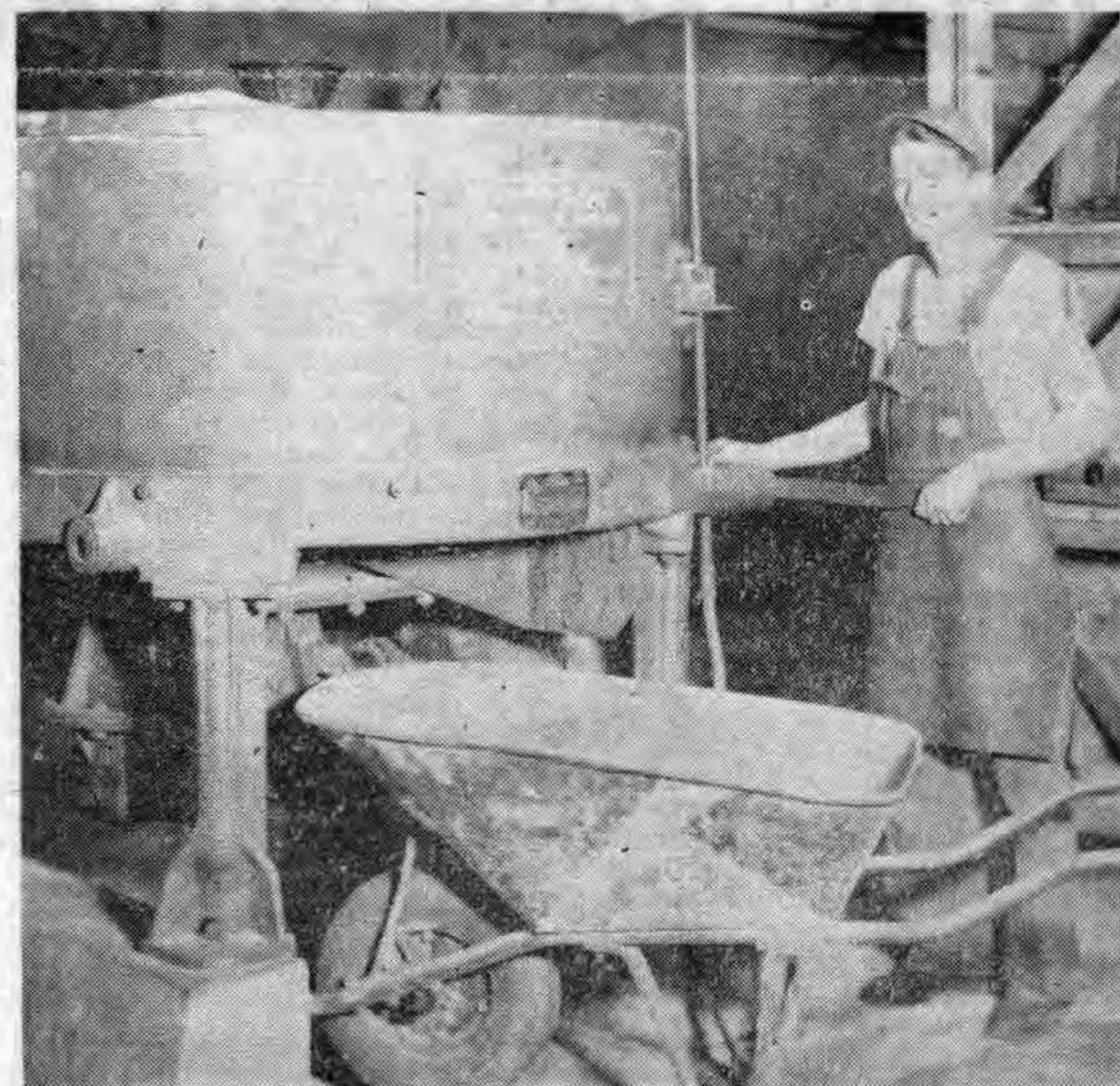
Understand Fred Johnson really does talk! Such was proven when he actually convinced his M. D. he'd feel better when at home rather than stay at St. Mary. And, you know Fred's doing OK?

Where's the answer? "Wonder who is going to win the human race?" Any bets, Geistwhite?

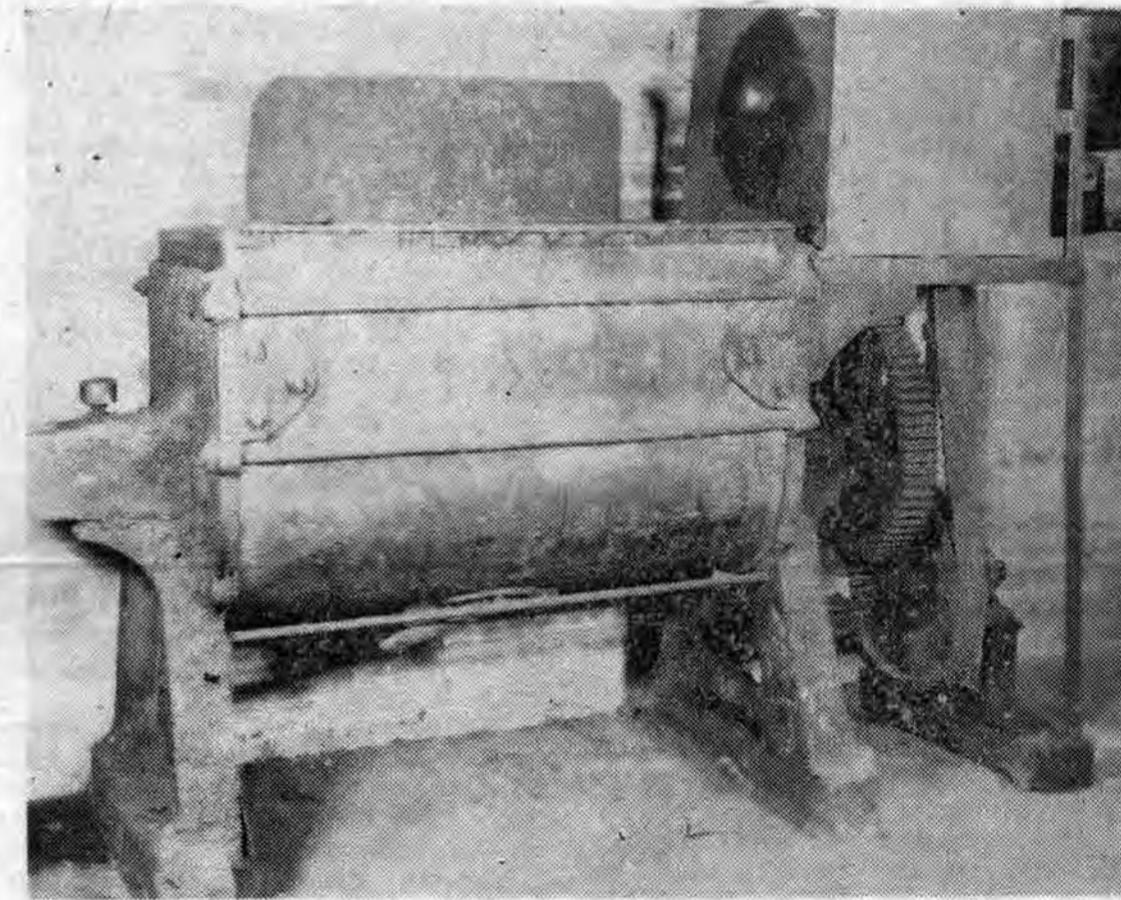
Congratulations to Donald Montatello and his Mrs. They were married last Saturday.

What has happened to Frankie Ovnich and his white hands? It seems that since the purchase of a new washing machine at home his hands are always dirty.

## New Sand-Mixer Installed in Foundry



HERE IS THE new Simpson Intensive Mixer, now used by the core-makers in mixing their sand. The sand is mixed with a mulling action comparable to rubbing, kneading and smearing. The mulling action is accomplished by two large mullers (the top of one can be seen above the pan), which weigh 425 pounds each, and travel in a circular movement on crosshead shafts revolving on anti-friction bearings, and is driven through a set of bevel gears located below the pan. This mixer requires only eight minutes to mix a batch (700 pounds) of sand and does an adequate job of mixing the materials to the proper texture for the coremaker. The operator in the photo is Benny Szwereenko.



SHOWN ABOVE is the old sand-mixer that mixed the core-makers' sand in our Foundry for the past 35 years and which was recently replaced by a new sand-mixer. This mixer was made here at David Bradley, and was the old paddle type mixer which mixed the sand and forced it through a screen by paddles. But by the paddle type the bank sand, core oil, dextrene and iron oxide ingredients, which makes core sand, was not properly mixed to the right texture. It required approximately 20 minutes to mix a batch of sand in this type of mixer.

## Weather Man Cooperates in Providing Full Day of Entertainment at Machine Shop Picnic



A most successful picnic was held by the Machine Shop employes and their families on September 4 at Coopers Grove. The weather man favored us with an ideal day and Mr. Belcher and the committees provided a full day's entertainment for the group.

The wives provided more food than could be consumed and there was pop and ice cream galore for the kiddies, and Dick Cremer had the "suds" measured accurately.

Ed Regnier was master of ceremonies, using Ross Milk's public address system to announce the events and publicize the awards to the winners.

The Al Guenette family won their share of the prizes. Al's boy was first in one of the boys'

games. Mrs. Guenette won the ladies' race with some assistance from Mrs. Power. Al won the men's race, but protests were made because he took off his shoes to run.

Ed Geistwhite and family won the largest family prize, but now Shorty Styck is trying to disqualify him and take the prize. Maybe next year, Shorty.

Roy Armstrong's boy won in one of the children's races. With all his speed you can see he doesn't take after his father. But Roy claims he could run like that 40 years ago.

Mrs. Elmer Rantz won the rolling pin throwing contest. She had a good target—Elmer was standing on the other end.

It was difficult to judge the tug-of-war, as they were pulling on the side of a hill. One team pulled up hill, while the other pulled down hill. Next year it will be held on level ground.

Ed Geistwhite and Mush Cross won the honors in horseshoes. They had to battle all the way, as there was plenty of competition.

The ladies' egg race was won by Mrs. Elmer Rantz, but some questioned her about gum in her spoon.

The day shift beat the night owls in a softball game, the latter's fast ball proving no problem to the day shift.

The ladies played bingo while the ball game was going on. The

game was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Regnier. Mrs. Rene Suprenant assisted Mrs. Regnier in operating the game.

During the horseshoe contests a hot session of volley ball took place.

The funniest incident of the day occurred when Cy Belcher and Ray Konigowski found about 300 pounds of ice on the pavement when they were on their way to purchase same. They have been accused of following a truck until such happened.

The guests of honor for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pahnke. Fred is a retiree of the department. They were presented with a gift from his former co-workers. Each gave a talk over the

P.A. system. Fred said that "never in my life have I been more honored or been present at a finer picnic." Hope to see both of you at our picnic next year.

Other guests from the Shop who attended were Elmer Carpenter, Sylvester Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pester and daughter and Mrs. Pester's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Smith of St. Louis, and Leroy Hummel.

The picnic broke up about 5:30 o'clock, with everyone helping to clean up the grounds and expressing their appreciation of the perfect day.

We hope that next year our picnic will be as good, but our efforts will be to make it better.