

# HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

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for the FARMER

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### Sears Supervisor Talks at Meeting Of Keymen's Club

M. H. Westrich, Supervisor of Departments 632 and 671, the Farm Equipment and Fencing Divisions of Sears, Roebuck & Company, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the David Bradley Keymen's Club, held September 10 at the Kankakee Valley Golf Club Lodge.

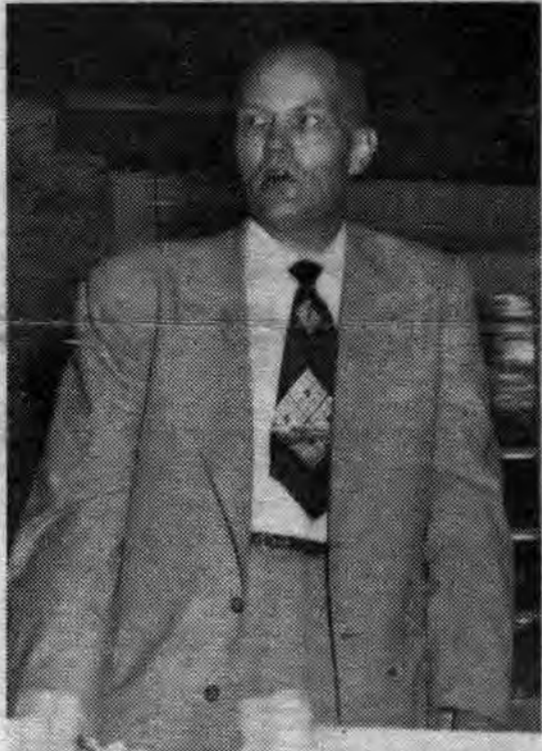
A veteran of 20 years' service in various capacities with Sears, Mr. Westrich spoke of the affiliation between Sears and David Bradley, stating his belief that problems are gradually being solved and painted an optimistic future for the sales of farm equipment.

He stressed the fact, however, that if Sears farm stores are to continue to sell our products in volume, much of the responsibility of doing so is in the hands of key people at David Bradley to see that employes maintain a high quality standard in our line of implements.

"Competition," stated Mr. Westrich, "is very keen in the agricultural implement line, and it is necessary to have a better product than that of our competitors if we are to continue an appreciative volume of sales."

J. P. Wheeler, former general manager at David Bradley, was also present at the meeting and Keymen had a very pleasant visit with him. Those who knew him

### Guest Speaker



M. H. Westrich, guest speaker at recent meeting of the David Bradley Keymen's Club. Mr. Westrich is Supervisor of Departments 632 and 671 of the Farm Equipment and Fencing Divisions of Sears, Roebuck & Company.

while at David Bradley were surprised to note he had changed so little in appearance, the passing years having undoubtedly treated him kindly.

### CONSOLATION

If you've reached a certain age you can console yourself when lonely by glancing at many women, young and old, whom you see on the streets and in restaurants and gratefully think to yourself, "I'm glad I'm not hooked to that one!"

### Fire Prevention Slogan: 'Stop the March of Flames'

With the slogan, "Stop the March of Flames," David Bradley employes, as well as the rest of those in industry and business throughout the country, will mark Fire Prevention Week from October 5 to 11.

Many precautions have been taken here at David Bradley to lessen the possibility of fire, which could cost us all our jobs overnight. However, it is important that every David Bradley worker be on guard at all times to prevent such a catastrophe. The carelessness of just one of us might result in all of us being without employment.

Fire losses in the United States during 1951 amounted to \$731,405,000—an all-time record. This year's fire losses will probably be even more staggering. Reports of destruction by fire are running at least six per cent higher this year. In June alone, over \$58,000,000 worth of property went up in flames.

In addition to heavy property losses, at least 10,000 people perish in fires each year. This means that within the next 24 hours, 30 persons will die in fires.

Make sure you are not one of the 30 by following these simple, common sense rules:

1. Observe and obey at all times the smoking rules in your work areas.
  2. If smoking is permitted, make sure your matches and cigarettes are fully extinguished.
  3. Keep your work area free of all unnecessary materials and rubbish. Don't be a "junk" collector.
  4. Appoint yourself a committee of one to make your fellow workers "fire prevention conscious."
  5. Make sure there is at least one Underwriters' approved fire extinguisher in all "danger zones"—where fires are most likely to start.
  6. Learn how to operate these extinguishers and check them periodically to see that they are in proper working order and well filled.
  7. Know who will be responsible for summoning the fire department and know what will be done.
  8. Practice "Good Housekeeping" in your home and in the factory always.
  9. Know how to get to safety from every section of the building in the fewest possible seconds.
- Even with sound preventive practices, fires continue to occur. Let's make every week Fire Prevention Week and "stop the march of flames!"

### Data on I.C.S. Courses Available at Personnel

Many, many times some of us express our desire for a better job or position, but find that inadequate education or training bars our way when opportunities arise.

Yet, there are ways and means whereby men and women can further their education and still continue their present employment. One such recognized agency is the International Correspondence School. It offers courses such as air conditioning, refrigeration, accounting, personnel-labor relations, industrial chemistry, salesmanship, drafting, etc.

Interested persons can get further data on these courses through the I.C.S. by contacting Mr. Harwell in Personnel.

### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE? REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 7

You can vote only if you are properly registered. Voters who have moved must transfer their registration, and anyone whose name is changed by marriage must re-register.

That is the law in Illinois and there are only seven more days in which to register, if you have not already done so.

Voters must be 21 years of age, citizens of the United States and residents of a state one year, the county 90 days and precinct for one month. Anyone who meets these requirements by November 4 may register now.

### Can Register in Personnel

For the convenience of David Bradley employes who reside in Kankakee county, a registration booth has been set up in the Personnel Office. Frank Sovinski, Safety Director, has been deputized to assist voters in exercising their American privilege and duty in being properly registered to vote.

Irrespective of HOW you intend to vote, be sure you are eligible. Check your voter's card and be positive.

**DON'T LOSE YOUR VOTE!**

### If You Can't Make It to Work, Please Notify Nurses

Absentee records are very necessary to industry, to the worker and his supervisor. Your unreported absence from work makes it difficult for your supervisor to arrange his work schedule and might also affect your salary or wages, holiday pay, illness allowance, etc.

Your cooperation is requested when, for any reason, you are unable to report for work. All you have to do is to phone the plant. Just dial 3-4441.

### Mold-Making Is 'Old Stuff' to 'Bert'; That's Been His Job for 32 Years

"Way back in 1920, Warren "Bert" Rankin, our featured "Old-Timer" in this issue, started making molds in a foundry at Metropolitan Ill. He's still making molds today, but transferred his trade to Bradley on July 25, 1929, and he's been with us since that time.

Born at New Liberty, Ill., on August 27, 1894, Bert, after attending schools in his home town, went to work in the foundry of a stove pany. On October 21, 1918, after returning from military service in the Army in World War I, he married his childhood sweetheart, G. Reynolds, of nearby Unionville. To the couple three daughters were born, Mrs. David Walters of Bradley, Mrs. Stanley Stankewicz of Kankakee and Mrs. Jerry Hasbargen of Larimore, Colo. Two sons-in-law, David Walters and Stanley Stankewicz, are also David Bradley employes.

Several years after their marriage, the young couple moved to Kankakee, where Bert worked at a local factory for four years before coming to David Bradley. All of his plant service here has been on foundry operations, except for a few occasions when work was slow in that department and he worked temporarily on other jobs.

The Rankins reside in their own home at 223 South Prairie Avenue, Bradley, with the upkeep of their home and gardens keeping them both busy.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin are active in American Legion work, both having served as heads of each organization. Bert is also past president of the Foundrymen's Local No. 264.

He is a member of all Sears, Roebuck & Company's benefit policies and holds Profit Sharing and the Pension Plan in high esteem.

We all wish health and happiness to Bert and his family in the years to come.

### Christmas Party? Yep, Committee Is Already at Work

Though Christmas is three months away, plans are ready being made for the tent annual Christmas party for children of our employes up to 13 years of age.

The affair will again be under the sponsorship of the David Bradley Keymen's Club and the management and to determine the number of boys and girls in each age bracket, it is necessary to conduct a survey among employes, to find out how much candy and nuts and how many toys will be needed. The survey will be conducted by representatives of Labor, who will couple it with the annual campaign for our Welfare Fund.

For the information of new employes as well as the older ones, ONLY ONE campaign for contributions is conducted at David Bradley each year—employes are contacted BUT ONCE each year.

All of us know that these worthy agencies are necessary in assisting our children in their Scout activities, religious functions and in assisting our fellow man in times of need, etc.

Anyone who is unintentionally overlooked during this campaign is requested to contact Personnel. The reason is twofold: First, we want your eligible child to attend the Christmas party and, second, we are sure that someone less fortunate than ourselves will appreciate your contribution, regardless of size, to our Welfare Fund.

It might be well for mothers and wives to ask their husbands if they have been contacted by a member of the Union Committee regarding the children's Christmas party and the Welfare Fund campaign.

## VOX POP

Why is quality in any product such a major factor when making a purchase today?

**JOSEPH GALL, Sheet Metal:** With the present high cost of living, all of us want all we can possibly get for our money. Very few of us would buy any product if the quality of the merchandise was inferior. If we should get "stuck" on some goods, you can bet that we would remember the trade name and the merchant who made the sale.

**F. EUGENE MARTIN, Engineering:** I believe that quality in production is a very important factor because products are extremely high and, at times, to reduce the retail prices, inferior products are offered. This means poor quality merchandise to the consumer. Quality in production with a minimum price means more satisfied customers — more sales and more work for all of us.

**SIDNEY ROBB, Supervisor:** Quality is a natural superiority which makes an article above the ordinary. A quality product is profitable to the manufacturer, the merchant and the buyer because it gives all more for their money, increases pride of ownership and makes for lasting trade relations between manufacturer and consumer.

**HAROLD SIEFERT, Forge Shop:** The average buyer today gives a great deal of thought to the quality of the product before he spends his dollar. As competition is becoming keener, the manufacturer who produces inferior quality merchandise will lose business. The customer today buys where he receives the most and the best for his money.

**LAVAN ESSINGTON, Machine Shop:** Shoppers today give just as much consideration to the quality of the item they buy as they do to the price. They know that the article they want must last as long as possible and, as a consequence, it must be of good quality. They want maximum quality at minimum cost.

**RALPH DRAZY, Inspection:** Quality in any product is economical because it helps reduce rework in the plant, tends to eliminate customers' return of merchandise and keeps customers satisfied. When we produce the best for less, we have steadier work through a greater volume of sales. In short, an item of good quality means greater economy for all.



# Jibes, Jests and Facts About Folks You Know

## Office (1st Floor)

By **CHELSEA RENSHAW**

Our rabid Cub fan, Sammy (just call me Phil) Coffman is all hopped up about his boys' chances next season. He is taking all bets that they finish at least third. If they had his spirit they might have won the race this year. Be careful, Sam. Remember your bets at the harness races this Summer?

A very beautiful wedding took place at St. Patrick church on September 20. Our Maxine LaGesse became the bride of Johnny Osmonson of Inspection on that date. We all wish this fine young couple the best of everything.

Sure nice to see the guys and gals back at their desks after a short layoff caused by the steel strike.

Changes were recently made. Helene Durell transferred to Personnel and Eugenia Sprumont went to Inspection office.

When the Employment Office became swamped while reinstating 400 returning workers, it became necessary to send out an SOS for office help. Who answered? None other than Beverly Osenga, formerly of Personnel. Nice seeing her again.

Recently received a very nice letter from our Earl Massey. He is still stationed at Fort McPherson, Ga. Said to tell the gang hello!

Genevieve Keller left us on September 19. The gals presented her with an appropriate gift. Maxine replaced Gen as secretary to Mr. Sahlin.

More transfers. Tony Benoit from Service Parts to Accounting; your scribe from Payroll Auditing to Accounting, and Jimmy Goodman from Material Control to Payroll.

The Tommy Hemstreet family vacationed in the New England states. Tom reported a wonderful trip.

Ottawa, Ill., still holds a powerful attraction for Lila Book. Spent last week-end there to go squirrel hunting, she said. At 6 a.m. she decided to stay in bed instead of walking through the cold, damp woods.

We extend a hearty welcome to Bobby Hanson, Budget, and to Louise Bergman, Joanne Glaze and Violet Wengert of Timekeeping. Hope you like us.

Ernie Brown of Timekeeping was called to Chicago recently. A nephew, Tommy, is hospitalized with leukemia. Hope he recovers soon, Ernie.

Orville Palmer, Service Parts, has given up driving a stock car at the local race track. Don't blame you, Orv, it's a rough game.

Joe Koomar, Purchasing, was complaining of a sore arm and back after the opening night of the plant bowling league. A ten-minute layoff is quite long, Joe.

Sometimes we wonder just how Mike Car gets all his pep vitality. He is always on the

Shaw, Service Parts, whose backyard borders on the edge of the Kankakee Country Club, is still trying to train his

## Giant Tomato Vine



Seen holding a three-pound tomato is Mrs. Edith Barrone, wife of Claude (Maintenance). This tomato vine, growing in their yard in Bradley, is over seven feet tall and has produced over a bushel of tomatoes.

dog to retrieve golf balls. He spent an entire day in the rain with the dog and found 28 balls, which he sold for an average of 50 cents each. BUT, he caught a cold and lost two days' work as a result. No profit there, Ralph.

Gervase Stelter, Maintenance, is mad at his dog. While putting up his TV antennae, his pooch chewed up about 15 feet of his lead-in tape. The pup was fussy—instead of chewing the end of the tape, he started in the center. Result—a new lead-in.

## Second Floor Office Chatter

By **RUTH ARRINGTON**

As usual, we start our column with practically no news. Everyone enjoys reading our publication, but it is difficult to run a column without news. Please, everyone, I need your help.

We are a little late in introducing you to Jane Elizabeth Breunig, daughter of Jack Breunig of Time Study. She is two months old now. Congratulations to the proud parents!

Material Control now has a new C.O. Of course we're referring to Charles Ostrowski "Alias" Carl Ostrowski. We welcome you, Chuck, to the environs of our department. By the way, ask him for his recipe for "Sour Soup."

Jay Kerouac, a Kankakee High School student, is working afternoons in the Engineering Department. He is taking part in the phase of the high school cur-

riculum which enables students to learn a trade.

MacVene Vogelsang and hubby, Jerry, celebrated their first wedding anniversary recently.

Andy Rivard will take the final step. Yes, he enters the portals of wedded bliss on Saturday, October 4, when he will be married to Mary Seroy at St. Margaret church in Herscher. We wish them the best of everything.

Nick Gineris is back again after an operation. It is good to see him looking so hale and hearty.

Gavin Bristow is back in the Engineering Department after a sojourn in the employ of Uncle Sam. Glad to have you with us again, Gavin.

All the White Sox fans are happy. Their team wound up in third place—a notch higher than last year. Will wonders never cease! No, really we're happy for them, especially my good friends, Tony Staniszeski and Ronnie Gregoire.

Well, this is it for this issue. Don't forget to give me your news when it happens.

## Celebrity Lane

With **RHYMES** by GRIMES

Guess we had better take up right where we left off last issue. We had mentioned several of our DB golfers in the KVC tourney finals and so they all, except Ray Hayes, promptly "folded up" and were defeated. Ray, of course, won the club championship. In our listing of these DB "hotshots" we accidentally (we swear!) omitted the name of Martha Hayes. Mrs. Hayes, not to be denied, became the champion in her class, so we congratulate both Ray and Martha on their victories.

**Eight and a half years of passing out pay, Chelsea is switching to a different job today. Now he's working with the accounting crew, Chelsea, we wish the best of luck to you.**

**The fellow with the checks will now be Mr. James Goodman, our great big Jimmy. To remember clock numbers, like Chelsea did, Will make that Jimmy a very busy kid.**

Our erstwhile golf partner, "Chubby" Len Bujnowski, has got a shiny blue Chevy pick-up truck. Might call it a pick-up with a pick-up. You just might happen to ask Mr. "Bugs" what he picked up last Monday night. Why, Leonard, you old sew-and-sew. What were you doing with a sewing machine?

**The Tool Room's Mitch was taking a shower, The phone rang at that unreasonable hour. In his haste to answer, poor Mitch fell, Hurt only his dignity, but IT hurt like H—!**

Did'ja ever listen to WLS in Chicago from 11:30 'til noon? They have a program called "Stump Us," wherein listeners send in a song title and if the entertainers can't play it from memory, the listener wins a prize from the sponsor. Rube Habedank and your reporter listen to said program daily, while eating our lunch in Rube's car. Yours truly had a brainstorm the other day and sent in a card. What do you know—we won three pair of nylon hose. Everybody happy? Heck no! We got 'em in Mrs. G's size, so our oldest daughter wants to know how come we didn't get her size. Guess we'll have to try again.

**That "cool weather" again is here, Darned if it don't happen every year. As we paid a fat coal bill today, Wonder where went our Summer's pay?**

The Cub fans (Rex Bainter, especially) are having a great time reminding us that we picked the fumbling Bruins to finish last in the National League. We still can't figure out what happened that they could get out of their permanent residence in the basement, but the crowning blow is

## Wrong Timing!



Mrs. Frances Stolarski, wife of Stanley (Foundry) thought she was seeing things when she observed several of her Easter lilies budding out in September. The vision, however, became a reality. The above photo shows her admiring one of the blossoms.

that our pride and joy, the Pittsburgh Pirates, moved into the Cubs' regular position. Oh, me! Reckon we will have to find something other than baseball to argue about. Makes us look too bad.

## Machine Shop

By **JERRY POWER**

"Hank" and Walt Neftzger were recently telling the boys how big the fish grow in the lake near the Summer resort they recently purchased in the Lake of the Ozarks region of Missouri. Art Blanchette, who has a cottage in upper Wisconsin, heard them and said, "Huh, we use those kind for bait at my place."

Did you see the pretty picture of our golf champions which appeared recently in the Journal. Ray Hayes borrowed a waiter's jacket and Mel Boule borrowed the trousers when they posed for the picture.

A couple of happy guys are Alex Kaplinski and Bon Burnley. Their St. Louis Cardinals beat out the Cubs. Had the Gards won the pennant, they would have nominated Stankey for President.

Hear that Al Barham has his hunting dogs—all ten of them—primed for the duck season. Hey, Al, we can use a couple of fat mallards.

Our Roger Cahill finally "came

home." Must be a V.I.P., since C.M.C. kept him until the last possible day.

Al Guenette, who has taken up bowling, is sure full of confidence. He wants to bowl against your scribe's good wife in a \$50 match game. Careful, Al, the boss has a 155 average.

We finally found out why Eddie Geistwhite takes so many pills. Trying to make a complicated setup on Shorty Styck's machine, Eddie just about gave up.

All of us are happy to learn that Bill Stuck's son is on the road to recovery from his battle with polio. That's good news.

Our dispatcher, Herb Blair, was moaning last Wednesday. Seems his bowling team lost a game by only two pins. Herbie had a dozen alibis.

The new addition to the Power family certainly takes after his last name—especially about 3 a.m. when he is hungry. Has a POWERful voice, the neighbors tell us.

## Tips from SWICR

By **JESSIE BROUILLETTE**

Not too much to write about at this time, as the writer just woke up to the fact that it was time for an item or so for the paper. Come, boys, give—tell us of some interesting event that has happened during the month, so we can say, "It is a pleasure to read the things from Receiving, Welding, Trucking, etc." One thing is certain, we are sure glad to welcome all the boys back and see the old place buzzing once again.

One way of knowing that this awfully hot Summer is nearly gone is the gossip of the bowling season. They have switched from fishing, golfing, etc. The next will be the World Series and then we will know for sure that the Summer of 1952 has bowed out.

Last Thursday was the big day for Don Lancaster. He will be much wiser and older when he gets back Monday. Good luck to the happy pair.

Clarence LaGrow sure knows his tomatoes and potatoes by the specimens he brought one day.

Merle Johnson has moved to the country to be closer to Mother Nature—two miles southeast of Clifton.

Has anyone seen Tony's rubber mouse? Is he ever downhearted since it went away. He offers a reward for the return of his pocket friend.

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## Retiree Has Little Trouble Keeping Busy



Shown above is John Lustig, who retired in April, 1942, after over 45 years' loyal service, practically all of which was on Forge Shop operations. John, 75 years "young," keeps busy with his large flower garden and lawn. A daughter, Toni (Tabulating), and a son, Louis (Maintenance), have both been at David Bradley many years.

## Vacationing in the Ozarks



This picture is of our little girl friend, Jessie Brouillette, while she was vacationing back in the hills of the Ozark mountains this Summer. The resort circular stated that guests were expected to "rough it" a bit, but Jessie said she hardly expected the bathing facilities to be quite so crude.

## THE PIONEER PLOWMAN

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## Every Week Should Be Fire Prevention Week

In line with our observance of National Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, we again appeal to our workers to cooperate in our industrial fire prevention program.

All too often we find evidence of carelessness or an improper attitude toward our policy. A few men still insist on ignoring our "No Smoking" signs; rubbish is tossed into corners, and flammable refuse is permitted to accumulate in some places.

We are certain that these few careless violators don't do such things in their homes, so why do them here?

We all know of the tremendous monetary losses each year which result from fires, and we read or hear almost daily of the unnecessary losses of lives in fires. Yet, we sometimes take the attitude, "It can't happen to us!"

Let us face that fact that IT CAN HAPPEN TO US! That carelessly disposed of cigarette can burn us out of our homes or our jobs.

Won't you help your co-worker and yourself? Make every week Fire Prevention Week and "Stop the March of Flames."

## Mae Says, "Thanks for Everything, Folks!"

Dear Folks:

I am taking this means to express my most sincere appreciation for the cards, flowers, personal visits and the wonderful, timely gifts from you good people in the plant during my lengthy confinement at St. Mary Hospital.

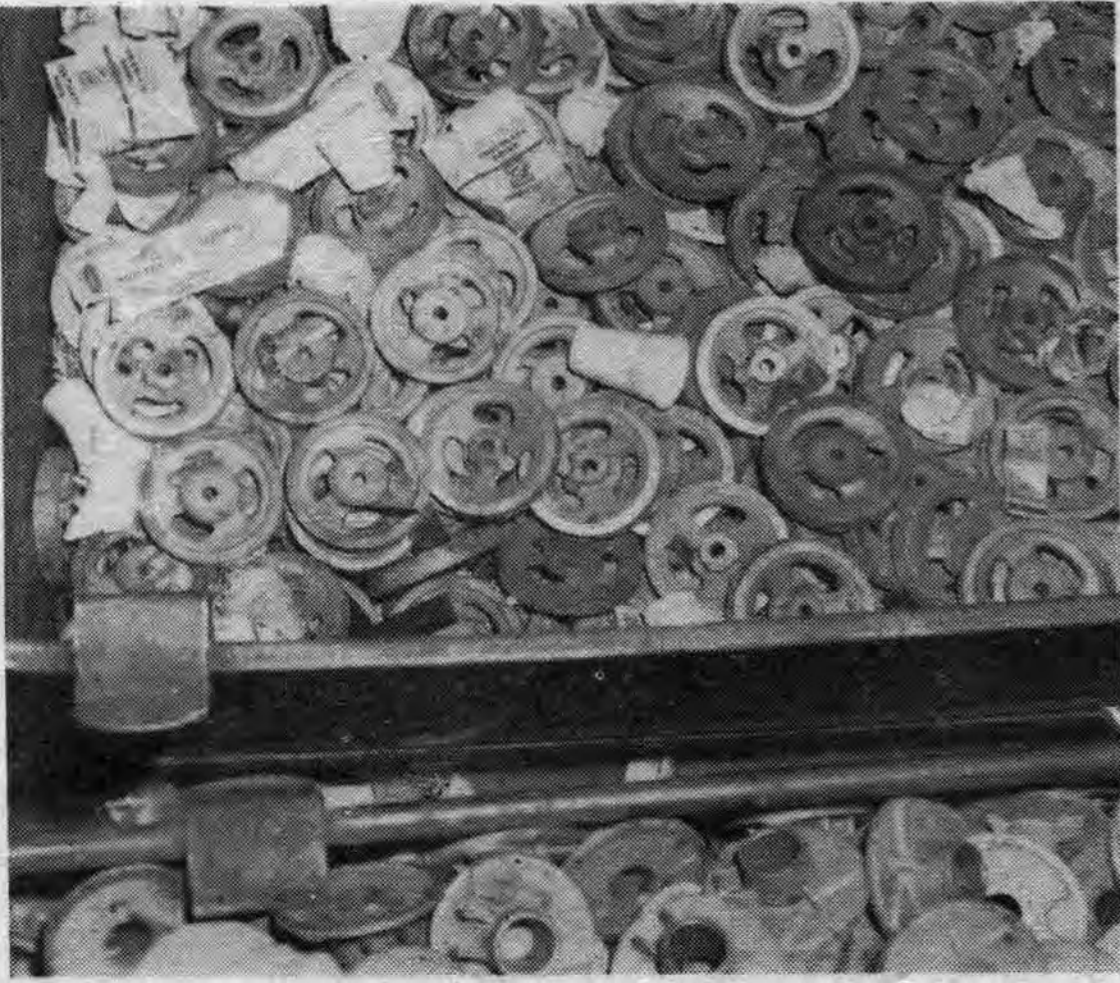
Believe me, folks, one never quite realizes just what it means to have people thinking of you until just such a situation arises. It certainly hit home with me.

All I can say in return is, "Thanks for everything, and may the Lord remember your helpfulness in making my stay at the hospital more cheerful."

MAE GALLAGHER, R.N.

Males and females usually talk about the same things, but not in the same words or in the same room.

## Good Housekeeping? For Shame!



Despite the fact that 55-gallon containers are only a few feet away from these stock loaded bunks, some thoughtless workers insisted on carelessly tossing empty containers on this material. Why? No one knows. Yet, should the dispensing machines be removed, guess who would be the first persons to squawk? Won't you help keep our plant cleaner?

## HELP YOURSELF— PREVENT FIRES



Don't let this happen where you work.

Have you ever thought of fire prevention as part of your everyday job? Well, it is—not only part of your job but part of your everyday living. If you carelessly toss a lighted match, fail to put out a lighted cigarette and your house burns down you're out of a place to live. It is the same thing at work. If you sneak a quick smoke where you are not supposed to, accumulate oily rags, get careless with matches and smokes and the plant burns down, you and a lot of other people are out of a job. Do your part to prevent fires.

American Lib. Ins. Co.

## FOLKS YOU KNOW . . .

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Kenneth Crawford has joined our staff as well as Howard Blogg and Earl Potts.

A new face in the area is Eugenia Sprimont. She has transferred from Personnel to Inspection, replacing Jeanne Reilly, who will leave to manage her own business. Good luck, Jeanne, in your new undertaking.

Did you hear about Tommy Roe, a beginner bowler, beating his boss, Ed, a veteran? And without a "spot," too!

Grandpa Bill Korstick says that he is done for the bowling season. After hitting a 199 game, he says, "Brother, that is everything."

## Experimental Dirt

By HARRY L. GILBERT

Just in case you lose your pipe or tile ditch or any other hollow containers (except empty beer cans) and can't find them, just call on Elmer Gilliatt. He has a "magic" gadget which he makes up in about 10 minutes to locate such lost articles and, no foolin', it works. Consists only of two small tubes and two pieces of wire. His tubes are only about four inches long with small holes through them. Then he takes two pieces of wire about 14 inches long, bends one end at a right angle about the length of the tube and the other end extends straight out when held level. He holds one in each hand level and starts walking. When he passes over a hollow object, the wires will move and point the direction the object is laying. So, if you lose your drain, don't dig up the whole backyard, just call Elmer and he'll show you where it runs.

We are very glad to see our factory start production again and all the old faces and a few new ones back to work. It sure builds up morale, which gets pretty low

## Changes In Social Security Law Explained

Important changes were made in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance by the 1952 Amendments to the Social Security Act. The purpose of this article is to explain these changes, which will go into effect as shown below.

Payments will be increased, beginning with the September checks, which will be in the mail October 3.

Beginning in September, 1952, a person may earn as much as \$75 a month and still accept monthly old-age and survivors insurance payments.

Social Security wage credits for military service from July, 1947, through December, 1953, may be used in figuring monthly payments beginning with September, 1952.

Changes in the law make it possible to pay full scale benefits or to pay them more promptly in case of retirement or death in 1952.

The law has changed from \$50 to \$75 a month the amount of earnings in covered employment a person may have and still receive social security payments. Similar provision is made for a self-employed person to earn as much as \$900 in his taxable year and still receive all benefit payments for the year. For the self-employed, this change is effective with the first taxable year which ends after August, 1952. Thus, for most self-employed persons, who report on a calendar year basis, the \$900 amount will apply to the entire calendar year 1952.

As before, persons 75 years of age or older may receive payments

when production layoffs are necessary.

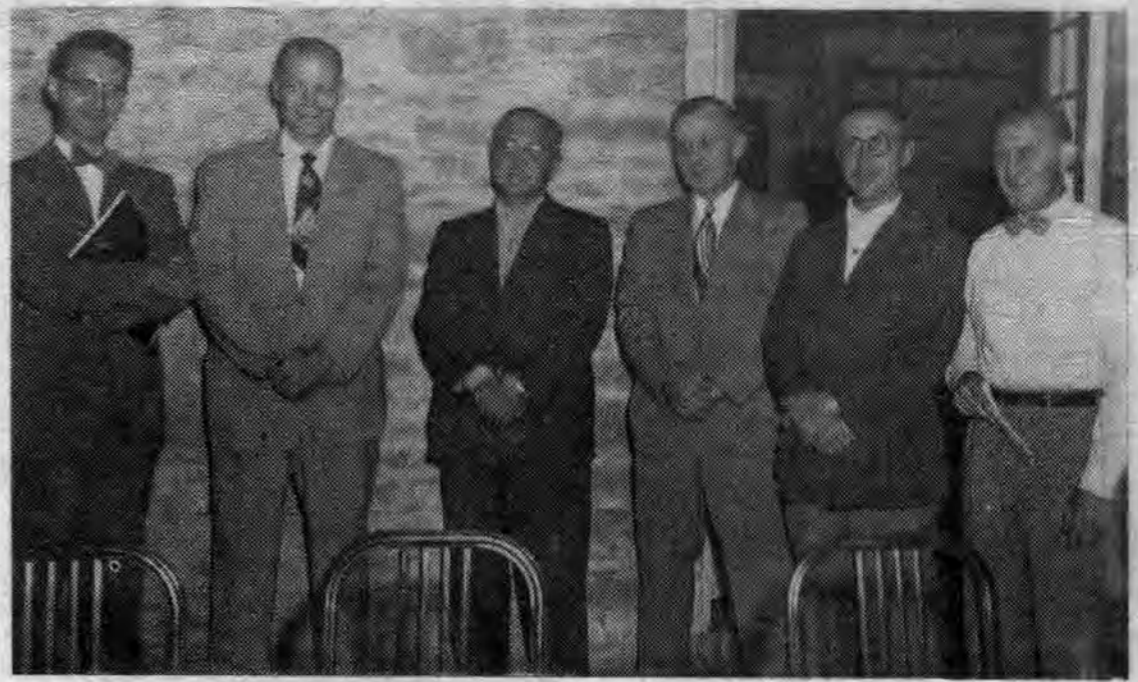
Dave Freborg has left our department to return to Tool & Die. Now Dave was a very pleasant, happy-go-lucky Swede and we all enjoyed his six-week stay with us, or all but two of us. Those two were Fred Cross and Dale Graf. Dale, as you know, was on layoff and while away from the factory he took a job painting a house to fill in his time off. But he didn't enjoy the job too much, because he got a small amount of paint on the house, plenty on the ground and most of it on himself. Now for Fred Cross, who always insists on doing all the talking at lunch and smoking periods. He didn't care too much for Mr. Freborg, because Dave always got the start on Freddy and kept on talking so loud and fast that Freddy got disgusted and just closed up like a clam. But since Dave is out of the department, we see Fred has resumed his favorite seat again at the end of the little fat boy's desk and is trying to resume first place in all conversation.

Our genius, Merritt Rantz, who always has the answer to everything, right or wrong, and who also experiments a great deal, and who also has more brake trouble with his two automobiles than any ten drivers in the county, tried this experiment which didn't work. Now Mr. Rantz claimed there was no difference between brake fluid and shock absorber fluid, so when his truck needed the brake cylinder filled up, Mr. Rantz got the wrong can, but, as the fluids were the same, it made no difference. That is, until he tried to stop that truck. Results were, we're darned glad nobody was in front of us. You see, we have been riding the Chevy sedan the last few days.

Our friend, Art Kline, who can blow up and hit the ceiling about the quickest of anyone you ever saw, was terribly out of humor last Friday. Why? Well, it was like this: His son, Art, Jr., parked that big box car, which he calls a Buick, on the wrong side of the wrong street at the wrong time. Results: A two-back ticket. Now that's about enough to make anybody unhappy, isn't it?

We hope some where in this paper you will find the artist's reproduction of a picture of one of our glamour girls who wouldn't let us see the original, but we're sure the artist did a very good

## Keymen's Club Officers, Guest



Left to right, LaVerne Quade, treasurer; M. H. Westrich, Supervisor of 632, guest speaker; William Korstick, president; Elmer Carpenter, vice-president; Ronald Gregoire, chairman of entertainment committee, and Emory Dionne, treasurer.

regardless of any amount of earnings.

The 1952 amendments provide social security wage credits of \$160 per month for military service from July 25, 1947, through December 31, 1953. Wage credits for military service after the end of World War II count toward both survivors benefits and retirement benefits for months after August, 1952, but do not count toward lump-sum death payments where the service man died before September, 1952. As a result of the new law, military service from September 16, 1940, through December 31, 1953, can count toward old-age and survivors insurance.

These amendments outline one way of preserving the insurance rights of persons who are permanently and totally disabled. The legislative language will provide a basis for further study by administrative agencies and the Congress. This part of the amendments has no effect on benefit rights.

job and the kids will be very happy. Next time, Jessie Brouillette, dear, either leave your pictures at home or show them on the Q.T. Ha, ha, ha—and to be sure we'll try and keep you as we when in your as we don't mind flying bolts, but for flying bolts as we have no love.

"Red" Lochner and Gilbert Luhrs are building high chairs again. This makes about six already built. We sometimes wonder why? Well, maybe they are just making them for Sears to sell instead of for themselves, who knows. These boys in our department claim that they can make anything if they have a drawing to go by.

Our little fat office boy, Mr. Mehrer, is enjoying a second vacation. Says he is painting his house. Can you imagine a big fat guy like Elmer up against the side of a house with a little can of paint and a small brush, trying to make his neighbors think he really has ambition? Well, it may work with his neighbors, but not with us fellows who work for him. We know his ambition too well—it's an easy chair and nothing to worry about. That's a good guess, isn't it, Elmer?

Francis Clodi has his grief along with everyone else and isn't bashful about it, either. As you know, he is our safety man of the department and doesn't get too much cooperation at some points. His suggestion is that everyone get their eyes tested to make sure they can read signs, which are printed in the English language, and are printed in white letters on a red background.

Did you know Roland Joubert is still cleaning and repairing venetian blinds? It's a good time now to get them all cleaned up before Winter. Why not give Joubert a call if your blinds are soiled or in need of repair. He will come and get them, clean and repair and replace them at a very low cost.

Wonder whatever became of all the fish around here. We haven't had a report from "River Rat" Drazy for some time, so we are wondering if the fish have all left or if Mr. Drazy has just run out of fish stories.

Now we'll close this mess with this thought from Pat O'Brien: Money is a handy thing, whether you are rich or poor.

## Letters Received from DB Men Now in Service

Letters have recently been received from several of our boys who are now serving in the armed forces. Among them were letters from the following:

Pvt. Earl Massey, Accounting, stationed at Fort McPherson, Ga.

A/RC Richard Burkhalter, Service Parts, now at an air base in Greenland. Dick offered to help sell some of our garden tractor snow plows up there.

S/1c Joseph Largen, Fort Knox, Kentucky, expects to receive his discharge some time next month.

Seaman Kenny Coyne, aboard ship off the coast of Japan, says: "Hello!" to the gang in the Warehouse.

Pvt. Walt Sicard, also of the Warehouse, wrote from a new Marine air base in Miami, Fla.

Say, folks, how about some of you writing to these boys as well as our other men in service. You can obtain their military addresses from your editor. Let us not forget them.



Use this column to dispose of items you wish to sell, secure items you wish to purchase, or to advise readers of a lost or found article. There is no charge.

**FOR SALE**—Small rabbits. Make ideal pets for children. Also have larger rabbits for table purposes. See Glen Gilliatt at 386 South Fulton, Bradley.

**FOR SALE**—Outdoor playground swing set in very good condition. Oak and iron construction. Contact Gilbert Luhrs at 3-3528 or extension 222 in plant.

**FOR SALE**—Comparatively new Heatrola heating stove, large size. See Zeph Regnier at 260 South Cleveland Avenue, Bradley, or dial 3-3683.

**FOR SALE**—Acre of ground; has 50-foot highway frontage on Route 49, one-half mile south of Kankakee State Hospital. Also good leather folding baby buggy. See Lucille Kelly in Production Planning, extension 231, or dial 2-2856.

**WANTED**—Bicycle repairing and light welding work. See Glen Gilliatt, 386 South Fulton, Bradley.

**FOUND**—Pair of metal frame prescription safety glasses. Found on Warehouse loading dock. Now in possession of Safety Director.

**FOR SALE**—14-inch boy's two-wheel bicycle. Almost new and in very good condition. See Bruno LeDuke in the Foundry or dial 3-8176.

**FOR SALE**—New Eureka vacuum cleaner. Never used. Beautiful wine color. See Hal McCleary in Service or dial 3-6841 after 6 p.m.

If they didn't have a dictionary handy, four out of five people never would attempt to write a letter.

# PUTTS and DUBS . . .

By FRANK SOVINSKI

## HIGHLIGHTS OF AUGUST 27

Coming down the stretch toward the finish line, we find the Boule-Walters team still leading the league by a single game.

For the first time this year, the Ray Dominiak-Harry Grumish team won low net honors. Their combined scores of 69 earned for them each a \$2 merchandise certificate.

Individual low net was won by Jack Walters with a 34 card. For a beginner, that was a swell round, Jack.

What can be the matter with the Pat Wilken-Jerry Power duo? Haven't won low net honors this season. Better hurry, guys, time's a-wastin'!

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPT. 3

The league leaders still held down first place, but had a bad scare thrown into them by their opponents, Len Bujnowski and Johnny Grimes. Upon totaling their cards at the end of their match they discovered that a tie existed. In the playoff, the leaders won the hole and match by a single stroke.

Rollie Schlemmer fired a birdie on the long No. 5 hole. Harry Grumish had one on No. 11 and Ray Hayes on No. 18.

Hayes and Schlemmer shot identical scores of 40 each for low gross honors. Grumish and Freddy Hasemeyer were runners up with cards of 41.

Individual low net honors were won by Tommy Hemstreet with a 34.

Team honors for low net fell to the Schlemmer-Coffman duo.

Jerry Power, after driving off the No. 12 tee, discovered that a large group of insurance men had set up a temporary beer stand in the grove of trees between No. 12 and No. 15 fairways. After dribbling his ball past the suds with his tongue hanging out—and no one offered him a beer—he finished the hole with a big 13 total. Then, on the way back on No. 15 fairway, someone felt sorry for him and invited him over for a cold one. He slugged it down and then took a 6 on the long No. 15 hole.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPT. 10

After the last foursome came in and all the score cards were tabulated, it was discovered that a new team—Mel Boule and Jack Walters—were the new league champions with a 15-4 record for the season.

However, they were not declared champions until the final round, having lost their final match to the Don Billadeau-Camille Riberdy team. Mel and Jack were pacing up and down like a couple of expectant fathers, waiting to learn how the Ray Hayes-"Red" Drazy team was faring. "Red" and Ray were a single game behind the leaders at the start of the final match. The champs heaved a sigh

## GOLF LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
M. Boule-J. Walters.....	15	4
H. Hayes-R. Drazy .....	14	5
C. Crawford-J. Breunig.....	14	5
R. Schlemmer-S. Coffman ..	8	8
S. Gineris-J. Billadeau .....	10	9
R. Gregoire-G. Metz.....	10	9
F. Hasemeyer-J. Koomar.....	10	9
M. Kraft-H. Messier .....	10	9
F. Boudreau-E. Pahnke.....	9	10
H. Grumish-R. Dominiak .....	9	10
L. Williamson-T. Hems't .....	9	10
L. Bujnowski-J. Grimes.....	9	10
H. White-F. Regnier .....	8	11
R. Rathman-B. Szeferko .....	7	12
D. Billadeau-C. Riberdy.....	5	15
D. Billadeau-C. Riberdy.....	5	14
E. Wilken-J. Power .....	4	15

of relief when they learned that the runnerup team had lost to Rollie Schlemmer and Sammy Coffman.

The Freddy Hasemeyer - Joe Koomar team, competing against the Marvin Kraft-Elmer Pahnke duo, finished their round in a tie. At the end of the first extra hole, they were still tied. Then Joe sank a 30-foot putt to win the match, one up.

Birdies were scored by Ray Hayes on the seventh hole, Ronny Gregoire on No. 13, Elmer Pahnke on No. 11 and Marvin Kraft on No. 18.

Lee Williamson is certainly glad the season is over. Last year he finished with a handicap of 8, this year 11. The only thing he improved about his game was his crossword vocabulary.

Johnny Grimes, teeing off for No. 7, hit a tremendously long drive, all of 20 yards. He sliced his second shot at a direct right angle for 30 yards and dug up a foot of sod on his third shot. Took a 13 on the easy hole. His partner, the Drazy, said, "I think I have to have a drink after that last round I had!"

Len Hems't, a 41 gross, his fine game on the 15 and Johnny to cop low net honors.

Tommy Hemstreet, the old pro, and big Joe Koomar tied for low individual net scores, each getting a 32.

Long Si Simerson, an old bowling and golfing buddy, pinch hit last week, and can still club 'em.

The happiest team in the league was the Don Billadeau-Camille Riberdy duo. Since the start of the season they have been deeply entrenched in last place. Then, during their final round, they came up off the floor to knock off the champions. Scared the pants off of them, too. Riberdy says the reason they won was because he left his hearing aid at home and didn't have to listen to all the bum advice Mel and Jack offered their opponents all season.

All in all, the members of the league did have a lot of fun. The officers and others who assisted in its operations are certainly to be complimented.

# Golf Tournament Ends With Three Tied for First

Jimmy Billadeau, Sammy Coffman and Ray Dominiak, each with net scores of 61, wound up in a three-way tie for first place in the annual golf tournament held at the Shady Lawn Golf Course at Beecher, which climaxed the season for David Bradley golfers.

Camille Riberdy picked up fourth place prize with a round of 68.

Low gross honors fell to Ray Hayes with an 81 and runners-up were Marvin Kraft and Ray Dominiak, each of whom shot an 83.

Dominiak also won first place for the fewest putts—only 27—and Jack Breunig was second with 30 for the 18 holes.

Several special prizes were also awarded. Francis Regnier found the greens too far apart, the fairways too fast and the holes in the wrong direction from where he aimed his shots. He won high net score. Curtis Karr, a beginner, found the green to be very fast, the cup too small and too darn many slopes on some of the greens. He took the most putts.

## Tournament Highlights

Ray Hayes, after coming in one over par on the front nine, blew up on the back nine. His drive on the 565-yard No. 15 hole landed in the dirt road out of bounds. His next shot looked like an explosion—good for ten yards.

You should have heard the language when Johnny Grimes' drive on No. 1 hooked and his ball rolled behind a big rock. For shame, John.

Cecil Crawford drove his ball off No. 8 tee and it stopped rolling just a few feet from the green, good for 270 yards. Had to settle for a par, however.

Wish we could have had a recording of "Red" Drazy's monotonous description of "bingo-bango" as recited on No. 3 tee.

Learned that Ronnie Gregoire did the impossible. His drive on the short No. 18 actually went THROUGH the revolving windmill blades. Pat Regnier almost did the same thing. His drive barely cleared the top.

Your scribe played his ball a bit different on No. 18. He wanted to see the water splash so he shot it into the pond. Phooey!

Pete Messier almost got a home run on No. 17 fairway. A wild slice hit the roof of the barn and caromed off toward the green.

How can an eight handicap golfer take a big 12 on a par five hole? Darn cornfield, says Cecil.

Birdies were fired by Jack Breunig on No. 6, Ray Hayes on No. 8, Mel Boule on No. 9, Jim Billadeau on No. 12 and Rollie Schlemmer on No. 4.

Jack Walters, one of the league champions, was as wild as a scared rabbit. Carded tens on three different holes.

Leo Williamson also finished the season in a blaze of glory. His card of 105 really burned him up. He is a good bartender, though.

Earl Messier and "Red" Drazy had their sons along to caddy for them. The way they played they should have caddied for the boys.

Freddy Hasemeyer had to leave after playing 15 holes. Scheduled to referee a football game in the afternoon 80 miles from Shady Lawn. Must like the hot sun.

Don Billadeau, the old pro, only beat his kid brother, Jimmy, a first year golfer, by three strokes on their gross scores. Don says no more lessons for Jimmy.

After his drive lit on the green on No. 18, Len Bujnowski took four putts. Must have got tired.

After everyone finished their matches and relaxed over a few cold ones on the 19th hole, a scrumptious chicken dinner, with all the trimmings, was served in the dining room.

Pat Wilken swapped part of his chicken with Homer White. Bet Pat had at least 12 ears of corn.

Jerry Power presented a very interesting dinner speech on taxes. Guess he just doesn't like them.

Draw prizes were awarded to 30 lucky golfers. Wish we could have won those awarded to Tommy Hemstreet and Steve Gineris. BURP!

The Entertainment Committee,

# DAVID BRADLEY Maple Splinters

By FRANK SOVINSKI

The 50 members of our Intra-Plant Bowling League started their battle against the tough maple pins at the beautiful Marycrest Lanes on Tuesday evening of last week. Several hours later, when the din and smoke of the fighting, praying and cussing of the poor little sticks had finished, it was learned that only one team had swept its series—the Wagons taking all three games from the Mowers.

This was primarily due to two bowlers who were extremely "hot"—Ray Forbes, who averaged 137 last season and Frankie Wasetsis. Ray hit games of 176, 174 and 171 as leadoff man, and Frankie collected 187, 218 and 161 for a 566 series, high for the session. Their team hit high series of 2356 and second high game of 824.

Frankie McNash was runnerup for second high game with 220 and was a single pin behind Wasetsis with his 565 series.

Buddy Menard rolled high individual game, hitting 221 pins.

A lot of new members in our league this season. Hope they all stay with us. It is a good way for us to get better acquainted with each other.

Your scribe lost his first beer bet at the end of the first game to Pat Wilken.

Big Joe Koomer committed the first foul; Adam Potchebski got the first split; Dick Stevenson threw the first gutter ball; Bill Korstick got the first turkey; Tony Staniszeski picked up the first split, and Hank Reitmeier lost the first beer frame.

Just as a reminder to bowlers, a few rules of etiquette which, when properly adhered to will help all of us. When ready to deliver your ball, always let the bowler on your right roll first; don't step in front of another bowler. Be careful of the pin boys; be sure they are out of the pit when you throw. Be ready to bowl when your turn comes up.

## The Champs Check Up On Their Scores



Tabulating their final score cards are Jack Walters and Mel Boule, who won the 1952 championship of the Intra-Plant Golf League. Their record was 15 matches won and four lost.

## Nothin' to It!



Shown driving off No. 1 tee is Camille Riberdy, the league's most improved golfer. A beginner this season, he lowered his handicap by 13 strokes. Even helped beat the champions during their final match. His club head came through so fast that all the photographer caught of the shaft was a blur.

## SELDOM SHOOT FISH

Last year a pair of Alabama deer hunters were sorely disappointed to find that their favorite guide had deserted them to serve visiting fishermen instead.

"What's the matter? Don't you like hunters?" one of them asked.

"Like 'em first rate."

"Do fishermen pay more?"

"Nope."

"Then what's the idea of taking up with them?"

"Friend," the veteran woodsman replied, "I just got plumb tired of being shot at for a deer. So fur, ain't nobody mistook me for a fish."

## TAKING ADVICE

Hoping to inspire his workers with promptness and energy, a Canadian business man hung a number of signs reading, "DO IT NOW," round his factory and office.

When he was asked some weeks later how his staff had reacted, he shook his head sadly.

"I don't even like to talk about it," he said. "The head bookkeeper eloped with the best secretary I ever had; three typists asked for an increase; the factory hands decided to go on strike and the office boy joined the navy."

## PATIENCE

A man had been waiting patiently in the post office, but could not attract the attention of either of the two girl clerks.

"The evening cloak," explained one of them to her companion, "was a redingote design in gorgeous lama brocade with fox fur and wide pagoda sleeves."

At this point the long-suffering customer broke in with:

"I wonder if you could provide me with a neat purple stamp with a dinky perforated hem. The tout ensemble deliberately treated on the reverse side with mucilage. Someing for about three cents."

## Kankakee Valley Golf Champion



Ray Hayes of our Machine Shop, who recently won the championship of the Kankakee Valley Golf tournament. In a close semi-final match, Ray defeated Harry Grumish, another David Bradley man, 73 to 75. In the finals, against a local business man, Ray shot a 78 for the first 18 holes and won the match and championship on the 32nd hole, two up. Congratulations, Ray.