

CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Employees' Children to Be Guests at Annual Affair

The fourth annual Christmas party for the children of David Bradley employees will be held at the Bradley High School gymnasium at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 20, 1947.

There will be a fine program of entertainment including specialty numbers by Kankakee High School students under the direction of George Piersol and some animated cartoon movies. Song sheets will be distributed at the door so that carols can be sung. Santa Claus himself will be there in person to greet all the children and find out just what they'd like to have for Christmas.

There will be candy, nuts and a gift for every child who attends! The committee has obtained an exceptionally fine selection of gifts for boys and girls of different age groups, ranging from six months to fourteen years.

A ticket will be issued to each employe for each child. The tickets must be presented to gain admission and to receive a gift, and therefore should be guarded well.

There will be a change in the procedure for distributing gifts this year. A cordon of assistants will keep the children back, allowing a steady flow of children to and from the stage, but preventing the mob scenes of earlier years. Each child must present his ticket at the door, keep it, and surrender it at the stage for his gift. In that way it is hoped to insure everyone getting a gift.

As in other years, there will be some children who will be unable to attend. If the parents of such children will present their tickets to either Mr. Goudreau or Mr. Sovinski early the following week, gifts, candy and nuts will be available for them.

It is expected that this party will be bigger and better than ever before. A capacity crowd is anticipated and everything will be done to insure the crowd a grand time.

Come on out to the big Christmas party—and bring the kids along!

Employees May Obtain Leave to Attend Party

Employees who work on December 20 and who wish to leave in time to attend the Children's Party may do so, provided suitable arrangements are made beforehand with their supervisors. Foremen will make such arrangements as are possible consistent with production requirements.

James Hagearty Began Here As Office Boy in 1901

James C. Hagearty, our Traffic Manager, was born February 19, 1884, at Forrest, Ill. He later moved to Kankakee and was employed at David Bradley on January 25, 1901, as office boy. Jim moved up from office boy to assistant billing clerk, to head of the Billing Department, to the Credit and Collection desk, then to salesman when the plant was owned by the Bradley family. In 1910 when Sears took over the plant, Jim returned to the Billing Department, then moved up to cashier. From 1924 to 1929 he was in the Cost Department in charge of accounting and listing bills of materials. In 1930 he was put in charge of Traffic and Shipping, where he remains today.

In 1906 Jim married Eva Martin. They have one son, Dr. B. J. Hagearty and two grandsons, James C. and Michael B. Hagearty. Jim has served under nine general managers for Sears at Bradley. He has watched the new additions that were built when Sears first took over and the new additions built recently and is interested in what is going to happen to the additional 70 acres recently purchased. He saw the plant converted from steam to electricity (next move will have to be atomic energy, Jim. Hope you live to see it).

Jim has always been active or deeply interested in sports. The old-timers remember Jim always played the hot spot (third base). He mentioned so many teams he played with, or managed, that they cannot be listed here. Jim would like to know how many remember some of the following highlights in sports:

On August 17, 1912, when the plant team beat Sears Chicago baseball champs, 3-2, and were honored by the first meal in the cafeteria.

In 1916, the "Pathetic Tragedy" when the office beat the pick of the plant teams.

The baseball teams of '32, '33 and '34.

The wonderful basketball teams of '33, '34 and '35.

The best softball team of the state which won 33 of 34 games in '39.

Anyone interested in reliving any of these events can get a vivid account of these games from Jim or perhaps clippings or pictures because Jim has them. Many of the boys who played on the teams are still in the plant.

Everyone knowing you, Jim, with your enthusiastic personality and drive, wish to congratulate you on your service and hope to see you around for many years.

ADVANCE PAYDAY

All plant employes will be paid for the week ending December 21, 1947, on Wednesday, December 24, 1947, according to A. T. Haden, comptroller.

Mr. Haden stated that the regular paydays are being advanced during Christmas week so as to enable plant employes to have their wages for the holiday. He emphasized, however, that paydays the following week, or New Year's week, would be on Friday, January 2, 1948, for all shifts.

THANKS! . . . and A Very Merry Christmas

TO THE FOLKS AT DAVID BRADLEY,

As we are now approaching the Christmas holiday, as well as the end of the year, I wish to thank all of you for your kind help during 1947. I thought David Bradley was one of the dirtiest plants—just a year ago—that I had seen in some time, but now, thanks to your help, we are beginning to look as though someone lived here. We are beginning to look as though everyone is taking more interest in cleaning the plant up and keeping it clean. We spend a lot of time at David Bradley and we should make it just as clean and as nice a place to work in as we do our homes. I know that in a manufacturing plant floors will not be as clean, or walls as clean as they are at home, but we can all do a large part toward keeping them just as clean as possible.

If material is available in 1948, we should have a very good year from a standpoint of production. I would like to ask all of you to help each other, as well as myself, to gain a lot of teamwork, harmony and, also, your good will to make David Bradley a bigger, greater and better place to work.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and more prosperous year in 1948.

RALPH G. ROGERS, General Manager

TRAFFIC MANAGER



JAMES C. HAGEARTY, who began work at David Bradley in 1901 as an office boy, and who has been traffic manager since 1930. He is fond of reminiscing over the many interesting events which have occurred during his long stay here.

'Ag' Students Visit David Bradley

Accompanied by their principal, O. M. Brewer, 20 agricultural student of Atwood Community High School of Atwood, Ill., paid us a visit on Friday, November 28, 1947.

These young men were on their way to Chicago to attend the International Live Stock Show. Through the efforts of the Chicago Motor Club, arrangements were made for this visit.

Simon Legris of the general superintendent's office and Frank Sovinski, Safety Director, were assigned the duty of making their visit as interesting as possible for them.

They were informed of our affiliation with Sears, Roebuck and of some of our operating methods, schedules, problems and future plans, after which they were escorted on a tour of the plant. They seemed fascinated by some of our machines and operating methods. On many occasions they "took up" the offer of asking questions relative to our products and methods and several times their questions were rather difficult to answer. These questions in themselves were definite proof that the boys were interested in our plant.

At the conclusion of the tour, Mr. Brewer expressed the appreciation of the group to the company for its time and stated that some of them are using David Bradley equipment and are now in a position to tell their friends and neighbors that they saw the process of making the different kinds of equipment.

We were glad to have these young men visit us and must remember that they, as future farmers, are also future buyers of David Bradley farm equipment.

Lest We Forget!

All of us at David Bradley extend heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Bradley boys in the Armed Services, wherever they may be.

- Gerald Allie Archer Larson
Earl Phillips, Jr.
Eugene Dobson Delmar Pruitt
Edwin Erzinger Richard Rothe
Paul Givens Robert Sceringer
Oreus Jordan Lewis Schneider
Clarence Krabbe Ervime Wagner
Tyre Johnston August Walker
William Largen Valgene Walker

Two Departments Accident Free For a Year

A recent survey of our accident records at David Bradley revealed that of the 24 plant departments, two have operated for over a year without a lost-time accident. Department 60I, Inspection, has operated since October 2, 1943, without a serious accident, and Department 30, the Wood Shop, has not had a lost-time accident since November 8, 1946. Our hat

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NAME THIS NEWSPAPER

I desire to enter the contest to name the David Bradley Manufacturing Works plant newspaper. I am employed at David Bradley and am not a supervisor.

I suggest the following name for the newspaper:

(Print the Name Here)

CLOCK NO. MY NAME

RECEIVED Date Time Personnel Department

Urge Employees to File Changes of Address

Each employe is urged to keep the Personnel Department informed of all changes of address and telephone number. It is often necessary to reach individuals by mail or by phone, but both means of communication are ineffectual unless current information is available in the Personnel Department at all times.

Illness allowance checks and other printed matter, including this newspaper, are sent by mail. This makes it doubly important that all changes be recorded at the office.

PLANT TO CLOSE AT NOON ON DEC. 24

All operations will be suspended at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, December 24, 1947, and will resume at 7 a.m., Friday, December 26, 1947, according to a statement issued by R. G. Rogers, general manager.

In announcing the Christmas schedule, Mr. Rogers stated that it was felt that everyone should be allowed time to make last minute Christmas preparations and to spend Christmas Eve with his family and friends.

# Dear David: Distinguished Visitors

Have you noticed how much we hear and read about Labor and Management in meetings, committees, councils, negotiations, and in governmental circles? To some this seems to reflect an eternal and never-ending strife. To me it is an example of democracy in action.

The whole world seems to have become productivity-minded. This is all to the good, for the only way people can raise their standard of living is to raise their productivity, i.e., increase the number of things their workmen produce.

In England the Labor Government has found its socialized industries bogging down badly. England is undergoing a national crisis, with many of its industries shut down and the people suffering from lack of fuel, because the productivity of the socialized coal mines is inadequate to meet the country's requirements for coal. The British Empire cannot continue to exist for long, unless there is a great increase in output per man hour by British workers in all types of industry. The British workers are told they must increase individual productivity without an increase in wages.

France is at present in the midst of internal labor strife and has adopted a four-year plan, designed to increase the productivity of its workers. Again, the output per man hour must increase with no increase in wages. Like England, France finds that the existence of its economy depends on this increase in worker output.

The keynote of the Russian series of five-year plans is to increase productivity. Attractive bonuses and other rewards are given those who find ways of increasing output.

The fate of Germany rests in large measure on the productivity of its workers.

Unlike these European countries who came out of the war with much of their industrial capacity destroyed, we have our industrial machine intact. Yet we find our continued prosperity hinging on the same fundamental factor—PRODUCTIVITY!

The only way to bring about high wages, low prices, and prosperity is the ever-increasing productivity of our workers, plus full utilization of new machines and techniques.

So, David, if this thought grows in the minds of Labor and Management, I feel we will see a great democracy in the tomorrow.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

A FRIEND.

During the past several weeks we were happy to have some of our old-timers who were retired on pension in the past pay us a visit. We are always glad to see these men. It certainly proves that they are still interested in David Bradley and their many friends here.

Among our visitors were "Ton" Bray and "Bill" Beckhelm of the Guard Force, "Red" Gorman of Inspection, Angelo Ricchi and "Happy" Harry Blanke of Maintenance, "Charley" Ninis of the Grinding Room, "Rock" LeSage of the Foundry, "Barney" Billberg of the Assembly Department, Earl Barrone of the Maintenance, "Freddy" Pahnke of the Machine Shop, "Charley" Reitz of the Wood Shop, Vito Sangiovanni of the Salvage Department, and "Am" Schaal of the Forge Shop.

"Red" Gorman told Earl Gaudreau that he felt spry enough to try out at shortstop for the Cubs. Earl asked him his age and then told "Red" that he was too young.

We at the plant appreciate seeing these men and want all of them to know that they have a permanent invitation to drop in and pay us a visit.

## THEY WROTE TO SANTA!

Had a little visit with Santa Claus the other day and he showed me a part of the Christmas list as sent in by some of our David Bradley folks. It went something like this:

- Fred Therien—a new bicycle.
- Mary Burrell—a St. Bernard puppy.
- Mike Bosley—some new overalls.
- Clarence Witthoft—a son.
- Jim Eby—something to help kill time, outside the plant.
- Lloyd Sinclair—a wife.
- John Kindzorek—a new broom.
- Ray Dominiak—a new foundry.
- Red Whaley—new elevator controls like Shorty Gagliana.
- Felix Janicki—a new toupee.
- Don Bell—a new electric train.
- Alex Gerhardstein—less paper scrap to clean up.
- Joe LeClair—a softer cushion for the truck.
- Stanley Barchzak—some arch supports.
- Claude Tunks—a little daylight during working hours.
- Frank Sovinski—less accidents and injuries.
- Joseph Graser—more steel.
- Earl Miller—more production.
- Ross Milk—a new saxophone.
- Lester Lamport—a new Tucker.
- Joe Jakobs—a new shirt.
- Labor-Management—a Very Merry Christmas!

## BELIEVES IN SAFETY



PICTURED ABOVE IS ELMER RIECK, operating a Niagara forming press in the Sheet Metal Shop. He has been a David Bradley employe since March 24, 1936, and has seen practically all of his service in the Sheet Metal Shop.

It will be noted that Elmer is using safety tongs while operating his press and has another set handy on his machine. When asked why he used safety tongs instead of his fingers while feeding the press, Elmer held up his hands with his fingers extended and said: "Look, I'm a married man with a family. These fingers are my wage earners and I intend to keep them. In addition, Camille Riberdy and Joe Guisti, our supervisors, insist that we use safety equipment on jobs where a hazard might exist. All of our jobs are rated by Time Study accordingly, and I just don't believe in taking chances."

Elmer's work record shows that he has never lost a day's work through an accident. Keep it up, Elmer!

## Record Shows Carelessness Cause of Most Accidents

With the close of the eleventh accounting period, December 3, 1947, accident records indicate that there were six more accidents at David Bradley that resulted in lost time.

One involved a man pushing an empty hand truck through a tunnel when the truck struck a slight depression in the floor and twisted the handle which struck him on the forehead. He admitted that he was in too big a hurry and should have been pulling the truck instead of pushing it. He lost nine work days.

Another resulted in seven days lost when a warehouse man attempted to help in loading a plow onto a truck in an unsafe manner. He had been instructed by his foreman as to the safe way in such operations and disregarded these instructions. The result—another injury!

The third accident was a direct result of disregard of proper and safe operating methods. A man from the Paint Shop lost three days' work resulting from an injury that occurred as he was feeding name plates into a small press. He was not performing the operation as taught by his foreman, but used his own method instead. The result—another accident!

Another resulted in a partial amputation of a man's thumb. This accident was caused by the failure of the man to think safely. Had he only taken a minute to think before he acted, this accident would not have happened. The man and a drop-hammer operator had just finished changing dies and as the operator lowered the ram to check the final fit, the injured man—who was to the rear of the hammer—for some unknown reason, placed his thumb between the dies. He had been asked just prior to the lowering of the ram to keep clear of the descending ram. When asked why he took further action after being cautioned, he stated that he did not know just why he had moved forward. This accident occurred on November 21, 1947—the man has not returned to work as yet!

Another accident resulted in lost time when an overloaded conveyor line on the second floor gave way and fell. While no injury occurred at the time, it became necessary for the mainte-

nance group to make repairs. They used tie rods and plates bolted to the third floor. The heads of the bolts protruded above floor level. A Paint Shop man, while moving completed parts, stepped on one of these bolts and twisted his left knee. He was sent to a doctor who ordered him off work.

A total of 25 accidents which resulted in injuries of major classifications were recorded during the period. Of these, 20 required a doctor's attention. Seven were reported from one to four days after they occurred.

Any organization can have any number of safety directors, safety committeemen and mechanical guards, but to avoid injury all of us must be safety men at ALL times. Think safety and you won't get hurt!

## Got A Head Cold? Don't Worry—It Only Effects You—or Does It?

Popular? And quite fashionable each season, too, especially in early Winter. Why not? Everyone has one and they don't seem too perturbed about it, so why not be one of the boys? Oh, you are rather under the weather for a while, but not uncomfortable enough to stay at home. Sure, your eyes water and you need a pillow slip to collect your nose drippings; you sneeze so loud the others think the 3:30 whistle blew; you ache all over, more or less. But it does not really bother you. You will "work it off"—you think!

You have forgotten the man who works next to you. He feels OK and a little thing like a head cold won't bother him at all. After all, how you feel does not worry him and, besides, it's your business, not his!

Maybe you ought to do something about your "runny" nose. You think, "Maybe First Aid has something that will check this right quick."

"After all, I caught this cold at work so the Plant can pay for it," you say to yourself.

Without further ado you breeze down to the nurse, asking for a "quick cure," because "I cannot go home; I need the money."

A medication is given and friendly suggestions are made for a "quick cure." You are also re-

## Service Anniversaries

### FIVE YEARS

- Margaret Hanna, Office (December 11, 1942)
- Thomas Roe, Steel Yard (December 16, 1942)
- Frank Redenius, Paint Shop (December 22, 1942)
- Leonard Allen, Stoker (December 28, 1942)

### TEN YEARS

- Albert Guenette, Machine Shop (December 8, 1937)
- John Wilson, Inspection (December 13, 1937)
- Harry Girard, Supervisor (December 23, 1937)
- Leonard Hester, Forge Shop (December 24, 1937)

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

- Montague Bowry, Janitor (December 8, 1922)

## ACCIDENT FREE . . .

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is off to Ernie Hood and his people and Harry Shumaker and his gang for these fine safety records.

Five other departments have also operated safely for a considerable length of time this year and we feel that they are worthy of consideration. Forrest Barri-ball and his people with one accident on January 23, 1947, that resulted in one day lost; the Implement Welding gang has worked since March 3, 1947, without a serious accident; the Implement Experimental Department, after working 638 days without a lost-time, accident, had the misfortune of an accident that resulted in an injury on April 9, 1947. They have operated since then in a very safe manner. The Tool and Die room has had one serious accident this year. While this case was the most severe suffered, we feel that they should not be by-passed, due to the fact that it was their only major accident. The Stoker Department has had only two major accidents with six days lost.

The old proverb, "Give credit where credit is due," certainly should apply, with due respect to the workers and the foremen of these departments for compiling these safety records.

We cannot help but feel that they have installed the proper safety attitude in thinking and working in a safe manner.

## WOOD SHOP SAFETY PATTERN

THE ABOVE PICTURE shows the best safety record in the plant. The Wood Shop had worked 252 days up to November 21, 1947, without a lost-time accident. Harry Shumaker, the foreman, and Harold Kerschke, the safety committeeman, are certainly to be congratulated on their excellent safety record. We hope that all other departments will build up their safety records accordingly.

# Jibes, Jests and Facts About Folks You Know

## WELDING FLASHES

By DELMAR HISEL

The deep dark mystery of the missing can of 196M is in the solved files today. The other day it was an unsolved case. It had most of the foremen wacky. The can showed up and disappeared in every department except the one the manhunt was on in. One of the foremen would corner the can and go off to get help in the capture. Before their eyes the can would dissolve into obscurity. Call Mr. X9 in on the case.

Mr. Hasemeyer, it seems, is staying out of Grant Park these days. The whole of Grant Park took after the villain one night and he had to run out of the Bradley High School gym. Why did they chase Mr. Hasemeyer? Maybe they were a little infuriated. What do you think?

The girls on the cleaning tanks saw red all day Monday. The day ended up with a hot-foot for one of them.

Will someone find out if Joe Monk ever goes home. He is here in the morning when I get here and stays after I go home at night.

## TOOL AND DIE WHISTLES

By BOB CARON

Yours truly missed the first edition of the paper and, hearing very much about it, will try not to let it happen again. It was Bill Welch's fault. He took off to hand it all in before I got there.

Adolph Rosenfelt has been going to the doctor lately. Seems as though he is always seeing Persian Blue splotches before his eyes.

Joe Wieliczko has turned down a nomination for the union. It was at a union meeting somebody nominated Joe for secretary and Joe said he had to decline the nomination. Before he had a chance to explain why, someone called out: "No brains!" Who was it, Joe?

And then there is the story about Leslie McClure going to the firemen's shindig and after it was over falling down the steps. John Powers says he knows if he had gone he would have got as drunk as Mac.

Mitch Leszczewicz says the reason they did not blow down the tower was because they did not want to wreck the hotel near it. Let's get an antenna for that radar set Mitch, or is it F.M.? Mitch also missed out on the broadcast of Princess Elizabeth asking for a divorce from Philip.

## FORGINGS

By HAROLD SIEFERT

We were very sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Edward Ciercyca. She was to be taken to St. Mary hospital December 9 for an operation. We hope Mrs. Ciercyca will be in and out and back home again in a very short while.

Those night men are a very mysterious group. Especially that guy they call Gay Hartman. In fact the boys on days as well as nights are trying to figure out that combination lock on his locker. Anyone that might have a little light to shed on this problem please notify me. It might help if someone offered a reward. Hows about Joe DeMent starting it off?

I heard a little story about some guy that answers to the name of Joe Sniegawski the other day. Seems it all happened at a local tavern called "Eagle Inn." Joe was feeling happy about things that day and decided he was going to buy a buddy of his a drink—or he thought he was a buddy. This fella liked that "stuff" they call Three Star Hennessy. The "stuff," as Joe a little later discovered, added up to 60 cents a drink. I think it was told that Joe lasted for about two or three of them and then politely exited out that convenient side door. In other words, fellas, it was too much for Joe. He left!

Bye, Joe! I think, by the way, that Joe has a very capable teammate that frequents the neighborhood of "Eagle Inn." Could it, by only a slim chance, be Adam Potchebski?

It looks like the general opinion of the boys working around Gordon Wright is that—well—they are awfully worried about his educated finger. You know, that one that goes this way and that way. They think it might be a good idea if he would sort of have it insured for a small sum.

Sorry to hear that our new man, Ivan Lester, lost a part of his finger. Noticed he was down to see the boys the other day. He looked ship-shape.

Saw a very interesting spectacle the other day. It all happened right around Leo Richa's setting bench. As a matter of fact it concerns Leo himself. He had a neatly loaded load of corn planter runners setting there by him, just waiting to be set. Before Leo had finished the load, however, he had a lot of trouble holding on to them and dropped quite a number of them on the floor. Finally, after dropping about fifteen or twenty, he actually fell on his knees and begged the load to be good. Honestly, Leo, there is a limit to everything. If only I had had a camera that day! Leo says the only complaint he has with last week's edition of the paper was that we failed to also mention the White Sox along with the Cubs and Bears. Sorry, Leo, it won't happen again.

Jimmy Woods is sure having fun lately with 419 "Bulldozer." It seems when Jimmy isn't feeling too peppy the "Bulldozer" is. It sure is a real headache sometimes for Jimmy. He looked pretty bewildered when last I visited him. I wonder how Jimmy can keep that broad smile on all the time.

Dear Santa: After asking some of the boys what they wanted this year I wasn't so sure they should get them, but here goes: Leo Richa needs a new Cub uniform (please, Mister Wrigley); "Kingfish" needs a new girlfriend for each night of the week (time on my hands); Adam Potchebski a new location for his alcohol baths (what is wrong with "Eagle Inn," including Joe Sniegawski); Mr. Stoner needs a bicycle (will settle for a pair of super-speed roller skates); Frank Nottke requests you move the Nightingale to Chebanse, and Joe DeMent needs an extra big pair of red or green suspenders.

## STOKER DEPT.

By EMY NELSON

"Dagger" Longtin injured his knee trying to jump over the conveyor line. Kind of ticklish business, playing leap-frog.

Penno: "Sweetheart, I have brought some things for the one I love best. I bet you can't guess what they are?"

Blanche: "A pipe and a fifth of liquor."

How about Don Blanchette down looking at electric trains and "Dagger" Longtin looking at the big doll in the show window?

Homer: "Why stick me in this ward with that crazy guy?"

Doctor: "Hospital's crowded; is he troublesome?"

Homer: "He is nuts . . . keeps looking around, saying 'No lions, no tigers, no elephants,' and the room is full of them."

William Beck is back to work again after having lost a finger. Tough luck, Bill, but we are glad you are able to be back with us again.

Am Hays looks pretty lonesome walking to and from work all alone since his buddy, Art Pepin, got married November 23. The newlyweds are living in Kanakee.

Rumor going around about the wedding bells getting ready to ring for Eddie Hess.

Does John O'Gorek's V-8 Ford still travel around town with that bent-up fender?

Did anyone see Larry Powers on Sunday, December 7? He was at home nursing a hangover after



the big blowout at Ray Lambert's farewell party.

Benhard Meents has been so busy cleaning up the Stoker Stores Department he has not had time to go hunting. Two weeks ago he went hunting and bagged three pheasants and eight rabbits.

Clarence LaGrow has somewhat deserted the Stoker Stores Department and spends most of his time over in the basement.

What is the big idea of "Red" Drazy moving his table up in the front end of the department?

## THE ASSEMBLERS

By FRANK OVNIICH

Charles Dattilo suffered a back injury while unloading heavy pans of bolts. He had X-rays taken and is now taking treatments at St. Mary hospital.

Ronald Cross suffered a badly injured knee while pushing the line. Hope he will be back to work soon.

Gene Stickler celebrated his 19th birthday on December 3.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jakobs, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on November 23.

The boys of Department 24 are getting excited about moving into the new building soon. They think they can work better there.

Jack Jessup, who has been ill with influenza, returned to work Monday. Glad to see you back, Jack.

Congratulations to Mary Cerwick (a former employe) and Bill Bastin, who were married November 29.

Joe Jirvis was sure lucky when his car tipped over and he was not hurt. How did it happen, Joe?

Car dealers are so hard up for cars they even try to take a guy's car after he has made his payment. Ask "Cowboy"; he had to chase down the street after his.

"Smile, darn you, Smile," and we mean you, Buck Merten. Aren't you happy working with the boys in Department 34? The bosses would like to see you smile once in a while, too.

Joe Jakobs isn't satisfied with his bowling scores lately, so he hits the pins so hard they will bounce into the next alley, thus increasing his score. He hit more than pins last game. Watch that pin boy, Joe!

Albert Ponton wishes to extend sincere thanks to all the boys for the donation.

HELP WANTED: How's about lending a helping hand to a love-sick guy who wants to get married, but cannot until he finds a place to live. He is in a spot, boys, so if you know of any place call this reporter. He needs three or four rooms now; later he may need seven or eight, and I'll need your help again. Thank you.

The boys in Department 34 were serenaded by those two famous singers, Bill Mitchell and Jim Mallaney, singing "Turnip Greens." Will somebody please help get them a chance on the radio, so we can turn them off next time.

Would Leo Green still be waiting for that broken elevator to come down if Joe Jakobs had not reminded him after ten minutes that it would not be coming

down? Did you get a nice rest, Leo?

Ronald Prairie went over to the new building during his lunch period, to look at the new equipment. He became so intrigued with it he almost missed the 12:30 deadline. He reported to Nick Gillen that it was very satisfactory.

We heard that Roy Erickson, a chief machinist's mate during World War I, bet Fred Johnson's shirt on the Army-Navy football game. Anyway, since the Army won, 21 to 0, Fred has been wearing a sweater to work.

Joe Jakobs, our bossman, gave me a lecture a while back about being late for work. The next day Joe's 1927 Dodge broke down trying to climb the Schuyler avenue hill and Joe arrived at the plant at 7:30 a.m. Wonder should I talk to him?

Joe Largen dropped a Handiman transmission on his hand last week. The nurse in First Aid sent him up for X-rays, which revealed no fracture. Glad to hear the hand was O.K., Joe, but remember, always work carefully and you won't get hurt.

Earl Hardesty lost several days' work last week battling the "flu" bug. Happy to see you back, Earl.

Frank McElroy walked in the department the other day without any buttons on his shirt front. It was a 6½-pound boy. Congratulations!

Boy, you can sure tell that smiling Pete Jakobs used to work on a farm. Did you ever see him walking around the room with his apron full of bolts, nuts and stock. Sure shows that he used to feed the chickens and pick up the eggs.

Well, folks, that's about all the news from our group this time. Looks like I will need help from now on, so turn in your gossip and news, fellows.

P.S.—The following data was received from one of your editor's co-workers:

Since our modest reporter won't write anything about himself, we wish to inform you that he was off four days last week with an ear infection. The boys near him said that it could have been his throat just as well. What could they mean, Frank, and how did you get that nickname of "silent" Frank?

## SICKLE and CUTTING ROOM SLUGS

By PAUL JENSEN

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a 200-pound to 250-pound pig that is for sale please contact Walter Rokus. If and when he gets one he will need some help butchering it, so stick around, fellows.

We have not heard Curtis Karr sing "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You" for quite some time now. He was going to Texas, but changed his mind.

Last Friday night Frank Eisele was the guest of "Shorty" Goyette at a fish supper. We did not know they were such good buddies.

Orville Reed of Reed's Tractor Service purchased another four-wheel trailer recently. Orville says the trailer business is on the upgrade, so if anyone is going to need a trailer, get it now while he still has some. He furnishes the hitch.

Sam Ritchey was showing his new ring the other noon. It is a very nice ring, Sam, and we all liked it. Where did you get it??

While grinding a shim for his machine, Jim Murawski received a cut on his hand that required seven stitches to close. A little safety might have prevented this accident.

Elmer Beach says his wife is home from the hospital and is taking in washing again.

Jim Purdue says he would like to thank the boys for their efforts on cleaning up the departments for our visitors. It sure looks better. (Let's keep it that way, boys!)

## TIN SHOP RATTLES

By EDWARD KLONOWSKI

Yea, fellows, you are finally hearing from the Tin Shop. Although one fellow says, "It is beyond me why they call it the Tin Shop. Could not even buy a piece of tin, let alone find one." Often wondered about that myself.

Congratulations are in line for Merle Cote on his recent marriage. Also to Tobe Eimen on his 45th wedding anniversary, celebrated December 3.

Norman Monnette started out for southern Illinois to do some hunting the other week-end and ended up in Chicago. Sort of a "Wrong Way Corrigan." Norman said he didn't even see a rabbit.

"Tailspin" Swartz, the fly boy in our department, was telling us about practicing coming out of tailspins the other day and the first two or three were fun, but after that, oops, excuse me! Stick to it, Floyd, and when you are a pilot then you can give Jack Garrett a ride. In a plane, I mean.

Now, on behalf of the fellows in the Tin Shop, may I wish everyone and their families a Very Merry Christmas!

## OFFICE CHATTER

By FERN BELMORE and NAOMI PETERS

A son, Glen Edward, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stanley on November 21. Congratulations, Clarence!

Our reporter for the paper, Genevieve Provancal, is off because of illness. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery, Jen.

A baby girl, Susan Marie, has come to live with Mr. and Mrs. Don McLaren. Don is a new member of the Material Control staff.

Byron Aasland of Implement Engineering Department has been seen leaving the office early these past few days. Rumors are around to the effect that he is busy buying furniture for his home. Storekeepers sure seem to take those musty old greenbacks, eh what, Byron?

It seems as though the Methods Department is always on its toes. Mel Boule was passing out cigars for the fifth time. The occasion was the birth of a little daughter, Ruthann Marie. Congratulations! Say, how about starting a cigar factory, Mel?

Doris Nelson has been entertaining her mother, who has come for a visit from Viborg, S.Dak.

Lucille Kelly, while sight-seeing down Michigan avenue in Chicago Sunday, was involved in an automobile accident. Guess who—with nobody else but her next door neighbor.

Genevieve Hebert, Time Study Department, had an emergency appendectomy last Monday. Sorry to hear the news, Jen, but hope you will be back with us soon.

We all wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Hiram Whitcomb of the Methods Department, whose father recently passed away.

Ray Lambert, after nearly ten years with good old David Bradley, resigned his position last week and will leave Wednesday for the West Coast. Best of luck, Ray!

Another bride in the Material Control Department — Charlene Gillespie Whitehurst. This makes two in the last month. The other recent bride is Patrical Schultz Montgomery.

Jessie Brouillette will take her long awaited vacation this month. She leaves for California the 20th to spend the Christmas holidays with her grandson, who is telling everyone that Santa Claus is bringing his Grandma for Christmas. Poor Santa, what a load he will have to carry down the chimney.

Johnnie Coffman says he got a big "turkey" for Thanksgiving—a baby girl weighing 7½ pounds, and her name is Judith Ann. This makes two in the nursery—Johnnie and Judy.

Bob Vickery, with his wife and family, recently moved into their

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THE THREE PROUD HUNTERS in the above picture are Frank Sovinski, Safety Director, Leroy Hummel, Training Director, and "Red," Roy's Irish setter. ("Red" is the one in the middle). The cock pheasants each is holding were bagged during the season just closed on a farm owned by Roy's brother-in-law, located between Cabery and Kempton, Ill. Frank and Roy want everyone to know that these birds were SHOT on the wing, and not found, as they were accused by Earl Miller. They do admit that "Red" was very helpful on the trip.

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new home in Bradley. Other new home settlers are Mr. and Mrs. Art Durrell (Adeline works in Material Control). Their new home is on Cottage avenue in Kankakee.

Love bug chalked up a record of victories in Implement Engineering Department in 1947 with five weddings within eight months.

MET. LAB. NOTES

By JACK DRAVES

James Hudson has taken up his new duties in the Lab. He hails from Gilman, Ill. It also is the old homestead of Jeanne Reilly.

Johnny was in his usual state of relapse after his Thanksgiving trip to Terre Haute. He said the football game between Wiley and Garfield was tops. Wiley took it 14 to 7 in a drizzle. Touchdown in last 10 seconds.

It's news when a new Dodge gets stuck in the mud, especially when it takes a Pontiac to get it out. Who in the Lab. owns a green-colored Dodge?

TURN OF EVENTS: Remember when Uncle Sam lived within his income—and without so much of ours! Those were the good olde days!

You may never smoke, drink, chew or date and live to be 100, but why do it?

A Hearty Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

HEARD and TOLD In the CORE ROOM

By BENNY SZEWERENKO

This Department "12" is only 13 strong, but the subjects discussed during the day are enough to confuse even the Big Four.

Frank McNash is soon to move to Bradley. It is pretty close to your mother-in-law, Frank. Look out!

The Frank Sinatra of the Core Room is without a doubt Franklin Giason.

Abe (down time) Routh is wondering what her new address is. Can any one of you fellows help him out? If not, Abe, just send your question to Albert Mitchel, the answer man.

I just have to tell this one about a recent hunting trip your correspondent had two weeks ago. Adam Potchebski, Abe Routh, Stan Wieliczko and myself went to the happy hunting ground in Watseka. After hunting about an hour with a wire-haired terrier that Abe had along to see if he would run down a cottontail, 13 bunnies were shot and we started back to the car to get warm. Abe came upon a bush pile with the dog at his side. Up pops a bunny and the dog starts after him. After a 20-yard run Abe shouts at the dog and comes to

the car. Result—no bunny for Abe all day.

Flash: A new sand-mixer has been received to be installed where?—when?—how?

MACHINE SHOP SHAVINGS

By JERRY POWERS

That was not a flying disk that almost hit Stutz and Cahill. It was just half of Meyer's machine going through the air.

If Art Blanchette does not quit fighting his machine his head will look like a knot pine ball.

It isn't the oil that makes Larry Yonke's hands look real nice. Inside reports tell me it is the new dishwasher soap that is on the market.

Norman Palowski cannot figure out why Cy does not get lefthand drill bits in.

Hardy Dick likes his new broom so well that he even brings it to chow with him. They say a new broom always sweeps clean.

Attention: For the guys who didn't receive the first issue of the paper, don't forget we need your correct address.

Shirley Berns won the Machine Shop trophy for being the best dresser. Just ask him about all of his love affairs. You are good for a half-day just listening.

Moody found a better idea than parking his car on the railroad track in the parking lots. Now he rides a horse in from Irwin.

Ray Hays has a new slogan for his bowling team: "As Earl Miller goes, so goes his team."

Some place, somewhere a band leader will hear Guynn singing, and that will be the end of the "Supper Time Frolic" for the Drill Room night shift.

TIPS from RECEIVING and STORES

By CLAYTON CURBY

Alex Zdyb of Receiving Department was sick last week. When he returned to work we sure thought he had gained weight. Maybe he just took a week off?

A fellow, "John Spaulding," who works for Tony Staniszeski, seems to be coming to work late when it is rather cold, on account of his car freezing. Maybe we will have to take up a collection to buy a few extra quarts of alcohol so he will arrive here on time for work. John claims to have bought five quarts of alcohol in the last cold wave. We have been thinking it over and have come to the conclusion that maybe it was the wrong kind of alcohol. Where does he put it? In the car? See Alex Zdyb for best results.

We of the Receiving Department have a problem and wish someone could answer our question. Why is it they call Al Hu-

Happy Birthday!

December 2: Bernari Brown, Office; Stanley Ratin, Welding; James Jones, Watchman.

December 3: Delmar Hisel, Welding; Jack Rainas, Machine Shop; Roy Smith, Foundry; Richard Hopkins, Welding; Wayne Diercouff, Machine Shop.

December 4: David Strickler, Office; Leslie McClure, Tool and Die.

December 5: Norman Mathewson, Foundry; Henry Nehls, Paint Shop.

December 6: Harry Ohlenkemp, Forge Shop; Camille Riberdy, Supervisor; Fern Belmore, Office; William LaBarge, Welding; Alvin Ohlenkemp, Maintenance.

December 7: Paul Walsh, Supervisor.

December 8: Paul Fields, Welding; Francis Boudreau, Tool and Die; Arthur Martin, Forge Shop; Benhard Meents, Stoker Stores.

December 9: Frank Sovinski, Supervisor; Manley Thaden, Tin Shop; William Bems, Stoker.

December 10: Lionel Brals, Supervisor; Harold Kerschke, Wood Shop.

December 11: Roland Schlemmer, Office; Vincent Puzebksi, Forge Shop; Glen Normandin, Foundry.

December 13: Alfred Gravelle, Welding.

December 14: Edward Marczak, Office; Russell Pinaude, Forge Shop; Troy Owens, Forge Shop; Leo Green, Assembly.

December 15: Mervyl Johnston, Supervisor; Edith Essington, Office; Leo Cromwell, Receiving; Arthur Pepin, Stoker.

December 18: Clarence Heinze, Supervisor; Herbert Crosby, Janitor; Zygmunt Zasada, Assembly; George Buck Assembly.

December 19: Melvin Eoule, Supervisor; Clarence LaGrow, Supervisor; Edwin Grayca, Forge Shop.

December 20: Guy Gardner, Supervisor; Therse Ruhra, Office.

December 21: Henry Meyer, Receiving; John Wells, Assembly; Clarence Cook, Shipping; William Glaze, Janitor.

December 22: Roy Erickson, Assembly; Deward Ragain, Foundry.

December 23: Lloyd McQuillin, Elevator Operator; Rivard Caron, Assembly; Haven Cross, Receiving; Oscar Lanoue, Experimental; Adolph Rosenfelt, Tool and Die.

December 24: Truman Correll, Assembly.

December 25: Beverly Lancaster,

bert "Mop Head?" Maybe "Buck" Merten could help us?

We have been wondering why Maurice Coffman moved out with the French people. We have come to the conclusion that it is because he is afraid of losing his home in Palestine. So he is trying to make friends with the French around Aroma Park.

WAREHOUSE and REPAIR PARTS

By EDWARD NORMANEN and DICK BECK

Bob Boone resigned on Friday, November 28, to take up farming. He will specialize in hogs. Good luck, Bob.

Well, Clarence Jeneary became Daddy on Friday, November 28. He is well pleased with that six-pound girl. Nice work, Mrs. Jeneary.

Clarence Calvert is in line for congratulations, too. He is the papa of a seven-pound, six ounce, boy born on November 21. Mrs. Calvert formerly worked in the office.

Department 94 has something to brag about. It has 217 days without a lost time accident. This will be hard to beat. Let's make it a year. What do you say, boys and girls?

Hubert Edwards was crying around the shop that he was

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George Luke, bowling on the Plow Share team, has been having trouble getting started all season until the night he bowled against my team. Then he gets hotter than one of the welding dies. He bowled scores of 159, 161 and then got tired and finished up with a 116 game. Says that he likes to pick on us. Keep it up, George!

"Mitch" Leszczewicz of the Stokers kept away from the bar last week and, "lo and behold," he goes out and bowls games of 170, 176 and 182 for a 528 series. This series, plus his handicap, rates him third high in the individual standings. Wes Scott, who bowled against him that night accused "Mitch" of keeping his ball on the radiator between frames to keep it from cooling off. Is it true, "Mitch"?

Next week we are planning to have Harold Sommers of the Steel Yard present on our bench. We want him to interpret the lip-reading that "Cowboy" DeMoure uses with a scowl on his face when he blows a spare. Personally, I think I know what "Cowboy" says.

Paul Legris of the Shellers is proud of the nickname of "Atlas." He says that after wrestling stokers and farm machinery all day in the Warehouse it is easy to hold up the entire league all week.

There is no question but that Dean Ostrander of the Seeders is the hardest working bowler in the league. Dean just wears himself out yelling, praying and encouraging his team.

Don't ask Mark Scism about what happened when he went over the foul line last week. Cost him a strike, the only one he had in the third game. We wonder if the sound of the buzzer and the flash of the foul light upset him as he finished with a score of 202. Or was it 102?

The Mowers, by beating the Tractors three straight games, moved into third place all by themselves. Ray Hayes' 582 series and Ray "Mudball" Dominiak's 556 series were instrumental in moving their team upward.

Office; Jack Garrett, Tin Shop; Ralph Shaw, Warehouse.

December 26: Roland Raguse, Warehouse.

December 27: Floyd Swartz, Tin Shop.

December 28: Melvin Martin, Foundry; Oliver Crevier, Inspection.

December 29: Frank Eisele, Forge

roped in on the fight pool. Seems he pulled No. 15, thinking he did not have a chance to win. He feels pretty good now, the lucky guy!

Ralph "Clark Gable" Shaw is badly in need of some mascara for his cookie-duster.

What is this I hear about Dominick Cortese treating the boss to beer? Shame on you, Dominick.

Did you know that Tom Travis, Jr., is a member of the Bradley fire department?

Matt Skelly says that the fastest he ever moves is when the village siren sounds.

We wonder who has the largest

Who is the young lady who accompanies Al Keller of the Drag Harrows each bowling night? Careful, Al. I remember when my wife used to come along with me about /\*x\*z years ago.

"Bud" Trepanier replaced Paul Riberdy on the Grnder's team. Paul had his appendix removed last Monday. Sorry to have you miss the rest of the season, Paul.

Leroy Pombert of the Shellers has a rooting section every week. Mrs. Pombert, who is an excellent bowler herself, gives her support, besides making out their score book every night.

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Joe Jakobs, after bowling with his team on the first shift, filled in for an absentee on the second shift, also. Evidently Joe must have had a few side bets, as he certainly lost his shirt. But good, huh, Joe?

Roy Dominiak, the smiling Foundry foreman, rolled a 243 game last night. Ray missed a one-pin spare in the tenth frame for the only "blow" in the game. Even so, this game with his handicap, gives him a 262 game. This ties him with Steve Gineris for second individual high game. Don't ask Ray what he bowled the last game.

Tommy Kerouac rolled the high game for the night—a 246 game—and also had high series—587 pins. Lots of Tom!

We had a few expert (?) visitors with us last night—Gabe Kerouac, Fred Hasemeyer and Tony Stanzewski. They filled in for some absentees on both shifts. With the closing of the alleys in Kankakee they will undoubtedly continue in our league as openings occur.

Russ Hubert of the Cultivators sure is a consistent bowler. After a 169 game he bowled 136 and finishes up with a 225 for a 503 series. Joe Gustin, his captain says, "That's my boy."

Talk about strange coincidences, "Red" Drazy, Russ Durand and Frank McElroy, who bowled their first games with our league all averaged 141 for the night. Consistent, huh?

Shop; Clarence Williams, Paint Shop; Charles Emanuelson, Cutting-In.

December 30: Carol Briney, Office; John Piggush, Machine Shop; Frank Foster, Foundry.

December 31: William Welch, Supervisor; Venita Clair, Office; Jessie Brouillette, Office; Leroy Pombert, Forge Shop.

feet in the warehouse. I nominate either Jim Lake or Lloyd Walsh. Boy, what foundations!

Paul Riberdy, one of our truck pushers, recently had his appendix removed at St. Mary hospital. Hurry back, Paul, I'm getting tired doing all the work.

Irene Konrath is back to work after three weeks' quarantine. Her little girl has had scarlet fever. We are glad to have you back, Irene.

Forrest Barriball wants to wish everybody in his and other departments a Very Merry Christmas!

SELECT A SLOGAN

I wish to enter the contest to select a suitable slogan for the David Bradley Manufacturing Works plant newspaper. I am employed at David Bradley and am not a supervisor.

I suggest the following slogan for the newspaper:

(Print the Slogan Here)

CLOCK NO. MY NAME

RECEIVED Date Time Personnel Department