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In each issue several DB employees will be asked to give their views on a pertinent question. The question asked for this issue was:

How should employees of David Bradley apply the spirit of Christmas during the coming year?

THEODORE DeMENT, Forge Shop: To think of others as we think of ourselves and realize we are bound together for our individual purpose, security, peace, pride and prestige in our each individual world is how we should apply the Spirit of Christmas throughout the coming year.

ARTHUR BLANCHETTE, Machine Shop: Throughout the coming year, we should all try and make a practice of applying the Spirit of Christmas by attending church services regularly. Have faith in God, trust our fellow workmen and be reliable in our work. With these virtues you will be well rewarded.

YVONNE BLANCHETTE, Office: At Christmas, people get the "urge to splurge" and buy their loved ones gifts. On Christmas Eve their sentiment extends beyond their loved ones to people who aren't as fortunate. There is a way to help these unfortunate people. Give to various charitable organizations throughout the coming year.

FOSTER WALKER, Assembly: Christmas Spirit is composed of four essential components: Religion, peace, good will, and generosity. During the coming year, we should support our churches and civic organizations. Peace is something we can hope for. Good will should prevail.

HOBBIE DIERDOUFF, Time-keeping: By putting all their talent or ability into their work, thereby knowing with satisfaction that they have done their best. If a person finds this impossible, I would suggest they use tact and psychology when they come in contact with their fellow workers or foreman, thereby eliminating friction.

ROLAND SCHLEMMER, Production Ditpatching: The Spirit of Christmas should be applied in our daily work by always going at our work with a smile and being willing to help fellow workers whenever help is needed. If all employees would go about their work as though they enjoyed doing it, working conditions would be much more pleasant.

EMPLOYEES HEAR PAST HISTORY, FUTURE PROSPECTS OF COMPANY

A general meeting of all David Bradley employees was held in the Bradley High School gymnasium Thursday evening, December 9. A special meeting for night shift workers was held during the afternoon of the same day at the Bradley Legion hall.

Mr. Moore, Personnel Manager, opened the meetings by welcoming the employees and their families, after which he gave an account of Mr. David Bradley, who first worked at the plow business in 1832 at Syracuse, New York. In 1835 he moved to Chicago, then a city of only 2,500 inhabitants, where he established the first foundry. He worked there for 50 years while his name and fame became known throughout the world. In 1895, because of lack of room for expansion in Chicago, he moved to Bradley, Ill., where he established the "David Bradley Plow Works."

Following these remarks, Mr. Moore introduced James Hagearty, Supervisor of the Traffic Department, who has been with David Bradley since 1901.

Reviews History of Company

Mr. Hagearty gave an interesting description of the plant when he first came here. Then in 1907, David Bradley went into new hands. This was when Sears first came in. The David Bradley Plow Works then became David Bradley Manufacturing Company, manufacturing farm implements for Sears, Roebuck and Company. Prior to this move, all of Sears implements were made by the Hartford Plow Company of Hartford, Wis.

In February of 1910, Mr. Hagearty said, Sears, Roebuck and Company took over David Bradley Manufacturing Company and it became the David Bradley Manufacturing Works. The first manager of this plant for Sears was G. C. Morgan, who had been Secretary of the David Bradley Manufacturing Company. At this time the revamping of Bradleys took place.

In 1912, L. T. Yeoman, formerly a construction engineer, became manager. While under the management of Mr. Yeoman, a basement was built under the east building. A five-story warehouse, the locker room, and cafeteria were built. At this time they converted from steam power to electricity. From that time until the construction of our new manufacturing building and steel warehouse there was no construction at David Bradley, according to Mr. Hagearty. Neither had any major improvements been made, until our recent good housekeeping and clean-up campaign was put into effect. "For this," the speaker declared, "we have our

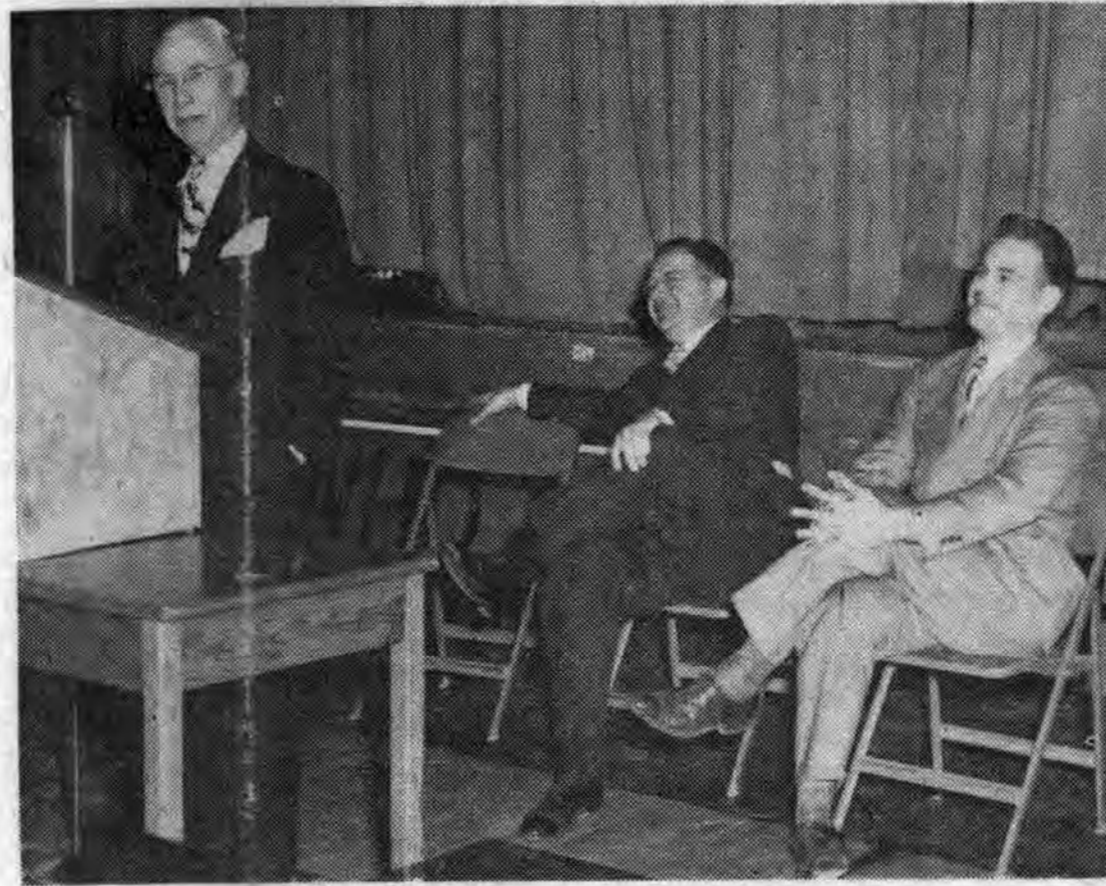
Mr. Rogers Extends Season's Greetings

TO ALL THE FOLKS AT DAVID BRADLEY:

Last week I received word from the Personnel Department that I was to serve on the committee to distribute candy and nuts for our kids at the Christmas Party. This served as a reminder of the Christmas season, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you, as my fellow employees at Bradley and also as partners in this business, for a swell job and wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Let us all try to make Bradley a bigger and better place to work during the coming year.

RALPH G. ROGERS
General Manager



This photo was taken just after Mr. Hagearty, the speaker, had said, "and how did Mr. Morgan get this position? Why he married Mr. David Bradley's daughter! That's one way to get ahead." Mr. Hagearty, Traffic Supervisor, addressed the recent gathering of David Bradley employees at the Bradley High School gymnasium. Also in the above picture are, seated, left, General Manager Rogers and Personnel Manager Moore.

congenial General Manager, Mr. Rogers, to thank.

Following Mr. Hagearty's interesting account, Mr. Moore introduced Mr. Rogers, General Manager, who spoke on the theme: "Who Is David Bradley?"

In answer to the question uppermost in the minds of the employees present at the meeting, Mr. Rogers opened his message by stating that David Bradley is the 1,130 employees united in common objectives. One of these is the goal of making David Bradley a better place to work through universal teamwork.

He then praised the work of the employees which make it possible

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Military Rites Are Held For James Derricks

Military rites were held Friday from the Methodist church at Kenney, Ill., for Pfc. James P. Derricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Derricks of R.R. 2, Kankakee. Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Valley cemetery at Kenney. The deceased was killed in action in France in 1945 while serving with the United States Army. He was born July 17, 1925, at Kankakee, where he attended grade school and high school graduating from the latter in June of 1943.

Jimmy, as we knew him, started employment in our Maintenance Department on June 9, 1943. He

Field Men Visit Here; Seek More Production

A meeting was held December 6 for field men of Department 712, representing the entire United States for Department 632, Farm Equipment Division, Sears, Roebuck and Company. These men play an important part in the future of David Bradley, as well as Sears. It is through their efforts that the stores are given proper training and guidance to sell our products. These men were here to acquaint themselves with any new David Bradley equipment and to tour our plant.

The field men were accompanied by Doug Pearce, Retail Sales Manager for Department 632, Chicago, and C. C. Heller, Buyer, D632, who conducted the meeting. After the opening remarks by Mr. Pearce, he introduced Mr. Rogers and other David Bradley people in attendance. The men were taken on a tour of our plant which consumed the morning hours. During the afternoon the men were familiarized with the sales features of the David Bradley line and they were given promotional and sales help information prepared by the parent Sears organization.

Most of these men had visited David Bradley several times in past years. They all expressed the opinion that David Bradley was now an up-and-coming manufacturing plant. They also expressed their appreciation for the increased production and, of course, asked for more.

was granted a military leave of absence on November 27, 1943.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, are two sisters, Mrs. Bernadine Walker and Phyllis McClure, both of R.R.2, Kankakee.

Dick Beck Left Job of Lumberjack to Visit Friends Here; He's Hung Around Bradley for Over 25 Years

With this issue, we honor Richard Beck, our Warehouse Supervisor.

Dick, as we at the plant have always known him, was born on a farm near Grandin, North Dakota, on February 3, 1902. He left high school at Grandin after his second year to accept a job in a lumber camp. After several years as a lumberjack, Dick decided to visit (some visit) two friends in Kankakee. Both were employed at David Bradley at the time and they persuaded him to accept a job here on February 28, 1924, as an export room worker.

The export department was then under the supervision of the warehouse division. Later he worked as a car loader, implement storage and warehouse checker. On December 15, 1941, he was promoted to Warehouse Supervisor, a position he still retains.

Shortly after coming to Kankakee, Dick met Miss Mildred Gaston. They were married on November 19, 1925. To this marriage were born two sons, Donald, who worked at David Bradley as a draftsman until 18 months ago, when he resigned to continue his college education, and William, who is employed in our Timekeeping department. The family resides at their own home at 345 South Poplar Avenue, Kankakee.

Dick's favorite hobbies are sports of all kinds, particularly bowling and baseball. At present he is bowling in three separate leagues, maintaining a 160 average. The Cubs are his favorite baseball club (poor guy). He managed the plant softball teams from 1934 to 1941.

Dick says, "I have witnessed many changes and improvements



in the Company that gives their people the liberal benefits and personal consideration as offered at David Bradley, through our affiliation with Sears, Roebuck and

Company. If more of this individual interest was shown employees by other large companies, this old world of ours would be a better place in which to live."

Dear David:

With the hustle and bustle of shoppers, Christmas tree lights in windows, and the singing of Christmas carols on the radio, you know that the Christmas season is here. In the homes you find kiddies behaving because of the fear that they might be overlooked by old Saint Nick, questions being asked on the birth of Christ, seasonal wrapping paper and ribbons scattered about, stacks of greeting cards just received, and the "too small" Christmas fund already spent.

But the best sign of all is the cheery glow in the personalities of all mankind. Strangers offer smiles or greetings, contributions or gifts to the poor or unfortunate; old quarrels are forgotten and hearts are opened to give to the spirit of all mankind.

We in America are fortunate. Although Christmas is celebrated throughout the Christian world, only in America is there no want. Many people in many nations are suffering from hunger, cold and sickness. Our blessings should also go to them. The Abraham Lincoln train is one method of sending our blessings—a way of expressing the true spirit of the season.

Many of our boys remember their terrible Christmas of 1944—when they were caught in the Battle of the Budge in World War II. They may tell you of a Christmas when they damned all mankind, particularly the "Frogs," the "Square Heads," the "Limejuicers," and even the home front. These black memories give them a true picture of the black side of Christmas to many unfortunates. To them the blessings of this Christmas are many, for they have a true appreciation of their fortunate circumstances. Everyone appreciates a joyous Christmas, David, but wouldn't it be wonderful if the spirit shown at Christmas time could be carried throughout the ensuing year.

David, I want to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of the Bradley employes the most cordial wishes for the Yuletide, and may the coming year have its full share of those things that make for contentment.

A FRIEND

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED — Ride to and from Bradley Factory, day shift, vicinity 1080 South Washington Avenue. Arnold Trepanier, Paint Shop.

WANTED — Transportation. Miss Ann Rashinkas of the Service Department, from six miles north on Route 54, 1 1/4 miles east, to and from work. Working hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FOR SALE — International hay loader (green crop), new and unused; price \$230. David Bradley lime spreader, used; price \$45. The above items will be sold "as is," without recourse to David Bradley. Interested parties should contact G. E. Billadeau, Merchandise Department.

FOR SALE — Black cocker spaniel; female, two years old. Ideal Christmas present for a child. See Stanley Rolfe, auditor, in office.

FOR SALE — Live turkeys; will weigh from 10 to 25 pounds. To be sold at price prevailing at the time of purchase. See Jack Wilkings in Foundry, or call at his home, 196 South Washington Avenue, Bradley. Phone 6455.

FOR SALE — Wilmington and Braidwood coal. See Jim Mallaney, Department 34, or phone 1319 or 4517-2.

The man who worries about who is boss in his home won't be happy when he finds out.

Some folks may dislike lipstick, but it usually makes a good impression.

Election reflections: Never underestimate the power of personal selling.

Straws may show which way the wind blows, but straw ballots don't.



Fieldmen from throughout the entire United States and representatives of Department 632, parent buying office of Sears, Roebuck and company, who attended a meeting at Bradley on December 6.

Last Rites Held for Mother of Lester Lampport

Mrs. Hattie Lampport, 81 years of age, mother of Lester Lampport, passed away at a local hospital on Monday of last week. Funeral services were held last Friday at the Baptist church in Momence, Ill., with interment at the Momence cemetery.

Surviving, in addition to Les, are seven daughters, Mrs. Frank Chapman of Momence, Mrs. Myrtle Thompson of Grant Park, Mrs. Elsie Crosby of Shell Lake, Wis., Mrs. Nellie Karshnick of St. Charles, Mrs. Gilbert Mussman of Grant Park, Mrs. Edith Zimmerman of Beecher, Mrs. Ruby Gould of Cedar Rapids, Ia., 32 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. A son, James, died last October.

EMPLOYEES HEAR . . .

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for David Bradley to provide Sears' Department 632 with more merchandise than ever before. (Department 632 is the parent department which has charge of all of Sears' farm implements.) In 1946 David Bradley's implements represented only two per cent of the sales of this department, but by 1948 it had grown to 21 per cent. With this increased importance to Sears, they definitely began to watch the cost of operating David Bradley more closely. It is necessary, therefore, Mr. Rogers explained, that greater care than ever before must be maintained toward costs of the company if it is to remain competitive with other manufacturers of farm machinery. He reassured his audience, however, that Sears is definitely interested in David Bradley and its future. As evidence of this, he mentioned that Sears had spent \$2,000,000 for the new building and \$1,500,000 for new equipment—expenditures designed to make David Bradley more competitive than ever with other companies.

In order to remain in competition with other manufacturers of farm equipment, Mr. Rogers emphasized the need for reducing the costs of our production. As examples of costs, he revealed that last year \$150,000 had been spent on equipment repairs; \$60,000 on building repairs; \$7,000 to replace 2,300 broken windows, and \$9,000 on truck repairs. Some of these were absolutely necessary, he stated, but a portion of them could have been prevented by the careful consideration of every employe. Another cost he particularly emphasized was the \$15,000 spent last year on injuries. Consequently, he requested the cooperation of everyone in preventing industrial accidents, and declared Bradley would gladly give the \$15,000 if no one was hurt. Last year scrap amounted to \$60,000. This, too, he stated, could be materially reduced.

In regard to these costs, each employe was requested to be more careful in his work and do his share of reducing the necessity for the above-mentioned expenditures. Mr. Rogers then presented some

THE TEN EVILS OF ACCIDENTS

- 1—Subtract from your pleasure
- 2—Add to your discomfort
- 3—Divide your income
- 4—Multiply your worries
- 5—Hinder your work ability
- 6—Breed unsafe work habits
- 7—Cause undue hardship
- 8—Destroy skilled craftsmen
- 9—Slow down production
- 10—Isolate Safety

Good Housekeeping Is Necessary at David Bradley

An executive of one of David Bradley's competitors in the farm implement industry recently had occasion to revisit us after a period of seven years. One of the finest compliments he paid us concerned the clean condition of our plant.

While we realize that this might sound like we are patting ourselves on the back, all of us should certainly take pride in knowing that we were instrumental in earning this fine compliment.

There is no doubt but that David Bradley is a much cleaner factory than it has been in past years. However, there is still much to be done in completing the job, and if ALL of us continue to practice good housekeeping methods, it will certainly be to our advantage.

A clean plant means a safe plant, one free from fire hazards, accident hazards and the things that tend to keep us off the job. Instead, a clean plant means that we are accident free, have our job security, free from lost or fire-damaged buildings and equipment.

Last of all, a clean, orderly plant indicates that workers take pride in their jobs. They have learned that a little extra effort on their part in maintaining good housekeeping practices pays dividends; also that continued efforts make the job a lot more simple for themselves and their co-workers.

of the plans for the coming year. It is the intention of David Bradley to receive a two-day visit from the 408 Sears Farm Store Managers, located throughout the country, to acquaint them more fully with our factory. He also indicated that a five-year engineering plan is being formulated to insure increased production and employment. Plans are being made to make implements from tubular stock, which will also be manufactured at David Bradley, thereby creating more jobs for everyone. It is also the intention of the company to manufacture its own hubs and transmissions. As more material becomes available there seems to be no reason why David Bradley cannot manufacture practically every part of its implements, Mr. Rogers declared.

As everyone knows, the speaker continued, plow shares are a big item with David Bradley. Last year about 400,000 were produced. However, the cost of their production is too high to remain in competition with other manufacturers. Therefore, there is urgent need for improved methods to produce plow shares which can sell for less, but maintain the same or better quality. In this connection, Mr. Rogers further elaborated on the plant's suggestion system and reminded all employes that their suggestions will help improve our products, increase our production, make jobs safer, improve working conditions and increase employment. Furthermore, he said, the company is willing to pay handsomely for them. Anyone having ideas to accomplish these objectives were urged to submit their suggestions.

In conclusion he indicated that if David Bradley can continue improving, it can become a larger and better plant—Sears will back it financially. All that is needed is the 100 per cent cooperation of the 1,130 employes of the plant in coping with any problem that may arise.

30 Tons of Crop-End Material Used Here

Thirty tons of crop-end material was used in cutting-in steel for production piece parts during the last week October, according to reports from Steel Stores.

This crop-end material is the larger pieces of scrap material from previously cut-in parts. In other words, when Department 20 cut-in piece parts from raw steel and pieces of scrap from this job were large enough they were saved and returned to Steel Stores as crop-end material.

To use this crop-end material in cutting smaller piece parts requires time and patience. But the cooperative spirit and effort of workers in Departments 20 and 81 means many hours of work for fellow workers in other departments and many more finished products for David Bradley.

For instance, this report from the Material Control Department shows that 30 tons of crop-ends is the equivalent to the weight of steel required to build any one group of the following implements:

- 1,770 garden tractors
- 92 side delivery rakes
- 95 manure spreaders
- 102 disc harrows
- 152 drag harrows
- 268 spring tooth harrows
- 488 lime spreaders
- 218 corn planters
- 154 power mowers
- 189 horse-drawn mowers
- 259 dump rakes
- 157 tractor plows
- 78 hay loaders

Retiree and Wife Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Brickley, 312 South Center Avenue, Bradley, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today—December 28. Mr. Brickley was employed for 27 years in the Maintenance Department of David Bradley, retiring on pension on August 21, 1938.

Five children were born to the couple, Warren, who passed away two years ago, Mrs. Roy Erickson, William F. Brickley, Mrs. Arthur Hayes and Mrs. Orlando Stuck. They have 20 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Brickley are both enjoying good health.

Celebrating the occasion, open-house was held at their home last Sunday.

We at David Bradley offer our most sincere congratulations to this grand couple and certainly wish them continued good health.

Fred Johnson Goes on DB Retired List

Fred Johnson, who has been on an illness leave for the last two months, has decided to accept his retirement now, rather than wait until his normal retirement date was reached. While Fred's health has improved 100 per cent, he just doesn't want to take any chances on suffering a relapse. He says he just hasn't any use for a hospital any more.

Fred was 63 years old on June 16, 1948, and his retirement was effective December 15, 1948, after over 20 years of continuous service. His employment date was September 19, 1928. He originally began at David Bradley as a clerk in the shipping room early in 1910, where he served in various capacities until late in 1926, when he resigned. His total period of employment at David Bradley is 36 years.

While reminiscing last week, he recalled the days when the plow beams and braces were fitted by using a 25-pound sledge instead of the present hydraulic air system, and when all implements were dipped by hand methods.

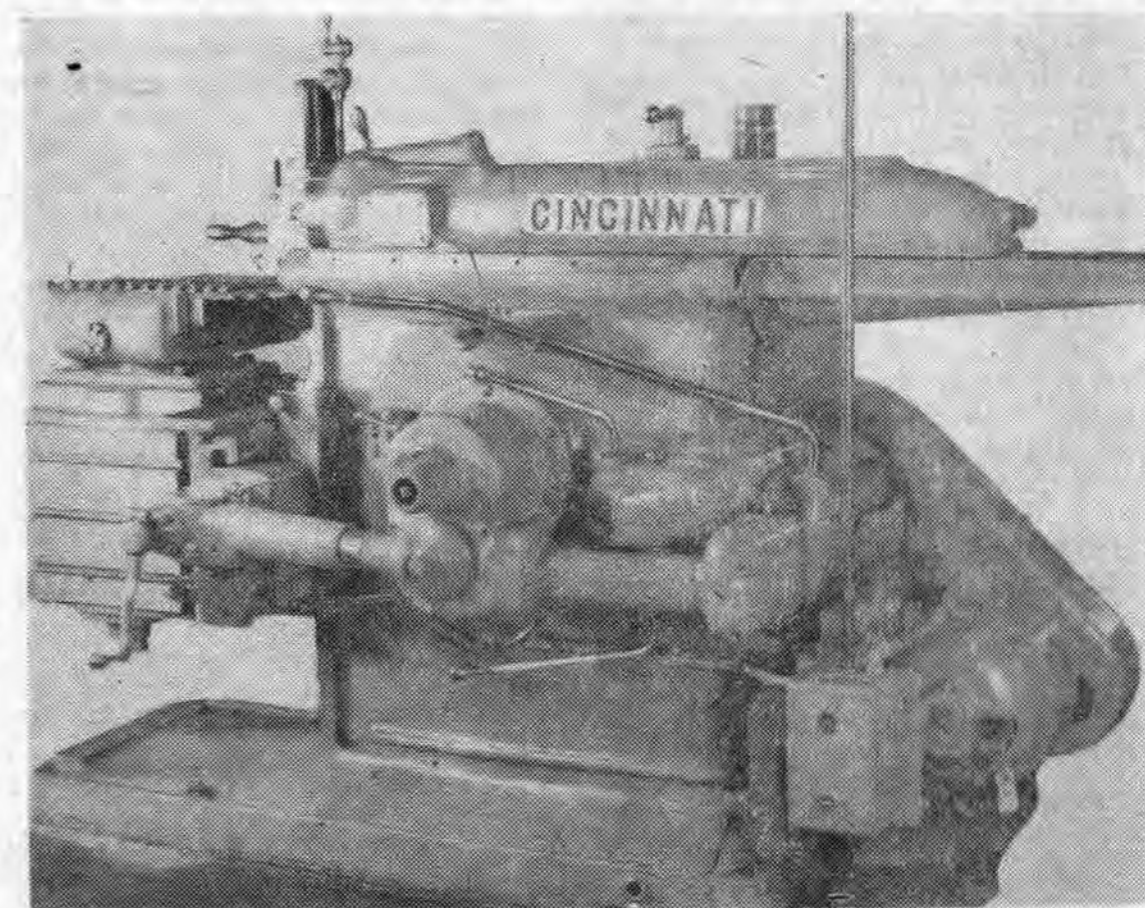
When the various benefits of the Sears retirement plan were explained to him, he expressed his gratitude as being fortunate in working for a company that grants an old-timer paid-up insurance, a liberal retirement allowance and is extremely grateful for the benefits of the Profit Sharing and Pension Plan. He informs us that the profits from the plan will enable him to complete the small home he has built alongside his own, thereby adding to his future income.

His only regret is that he will not be able to see some of his old buddies as often as he would like to, particularly "Dutch" Correll and Frank Murawski, with whom he has worked as partners for the last 20 years.

We at David Bradley certainly wish Fred continued improved health and are taking this means of extending to him and all other retired men our very best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas.

We will be looking forward to seeing him and other members of our "20-Year Club" at our next meeting, to be held in the near future.

New Cincinnati Shaper Installed



The new 20-inch Cincinnati universal shaper of the Tool and Die Department is equipped for easy set-ups for work shaped to difficult angles. It combines high speed with extreme accuracy and has a degree of automatic operation and simplicity of control that puts new life in the operators.

The universal table, in combination with the swivel vise, permits work to be revolved to any angle. The table has one solid face, similar to the box table on a standard shaper, and one tilting face with adjustment up to 15 degrees either way, on an axis at right angles to the turnion. All settings are indicated by graduations. With the swiveling vise, work can be rotated around all three possible axes. The working space is not sacrificed in tilting to any position, as the working

space below the tool remains unchanged.

The ram is of sturdy construction, rolling on bearings and held in position by taper gibs, which have a single screw adjustment to assure simplicity and ease in proper adjustment.

The ram operates at eight different speeds and is equipped for quick adjustment of the stroke. The automatic power down-feed to the head is equipped with a positive stop to assure accuracy in depths of cup. A safety clutch prevents breakage in the event that the table should run against an obstruction.

The purchase of such equipment for this service department assures the plant as a whole of better tools, with quicker service, for production.

Jibes, Jests and Facts About Folks You Know

Scraps from Second

By GEN PROVONCAL

Greetings to Jimmy Billadeau. Glad to see another of the Billadeau brothers at David Bradley (Jimmy is George and Don's brother). Hope you like your job as record clerk in Korstick's office, Jimmy.

The Arkansas traveler has returned. Yep! Bennie Hunter scoured Crittenden county, Arkansas, pretty thoroughly when he was down there. Seems that corn "likker" must have been too powerful, though. Bennie doesn't seem to remember all that went on. Not just little details slipped his mind either. It's the big things he's forgotten. Why just the other day the Veteran's Administration contacted Mr. Hunter, requesting that he send them a copy of his marriage license issued down in Arkansas. That's right, Bennie claims that he doesn't know a thing about it! Better not wander so far from home after this for your wine, women and song, Bennie.

Since we're discussing the South, we must mention a diet recommended by some of the Southerners in our midst. Now Merle Bloom, Ed Gentry and Gus Salt-sider (Dorothy's husband) declare there's nothing finer than good "ole" corn bread and bean soup! As an added bit of tastiness, Gentry advises that just before eating that luscious bean soup, you drop in diced onions and sweet pickles (excuse me, please) . . . back again. Every time I think of that stuff my stomach rebels!

Well, we might as well enjoy the sunny South a little longer. We hereby file a complaint. After all, Gus and Dorothy promised us possum when they took that trip to Missouri a couple of weeks and then they came back without any. What we think happened is that the possums just got together and agreed, "If that Gus fellow can't live down here in the hills, we just won't let him catch us."

But to get back to the goings on up here we want to warn Mr. Bloom about those parking meters up town. They're hungry, vicious creatures and demand to be fed! When they're not, well, Mr. Bloom, you know what happens—a little rectangular card on the door handle of your car. Sorry, sir, but we warned you that day that you'd be sorry.

For the brighter side of things, we congratulate Harold Knecht, Gabe Kerouac, Fritz Hasemeyer, Tony Staniszeski and Nick Gineris on the bowling they're doing in the Commercial league. We hear they are leading the league. 'Course it must all be due to their cheering section, composed of Bob Haines and Clarence LaGrow. Or maybe, it's because of Tony's new ball—well, I don't know which one, the orange one or the black!

And on the same subject, let us wish Leo Mathy well in his efforts for the 300. A 300 game? Oh no, series! Seems Mathy just loves to see what it's like to bowl from in front of the fowl line. Yep, they call him the Fowl Line King.

Wandering around the other day, we noticed that Lila Fortier is carrying a weight around her neck these days. You know, the proverbial old ball and chain. Well, that's it!

Then as we continue on our tour we stopped in Methods for a chat. Learned that Van Emigh has moved into his new home. Says that's why he looks so haggard. The moving got him down. Also, heard that Hiram Whitcomb is planning a trip to Pennsylvania for Christmas.

At the same time we "foghorned" with Maxine Neas. She can't talk with that cold she's sporting from sitting in the breeze over there. (Yes, we imagine part of it is the human side of the story. With Gentry and Neptune sitting on either side of her, and Welsh, Ostrander, and Whitcomb behind her, the air must reach quite a velocity at times.) However, Max said the windows were so loose the air just rushed in, but Gus (Dorothy's husband again) came to the rescue and plugged up the windows!

While we're discussing Methods, may we tell Wes Scott and De-Amicis that we think Bud Hayes would be glad to add them to his trucking crew. Why the other day we saw them pushing a truck with a crate of planter boxes on it, and they (Wes and De) looked as if they'd be very competent truckers for Mr. Hayes.

The men from the Methods were headed for home and passed Mr. Pester's office on the way. They got scared for a minute; they could hear voices but couldn't see a thing. That's the truth. It was about 4 p.m. and so dark we could

hear the voices but couldn't see their owners. To rectify the situation, Mr. Dady is collecting old candles which will be lit at 3:30 each afternoon and put in the corner office.

Just sat down then to get back to work when we heard a noise by the water fountain. Seems that someone had knocked the push-button off the fountain, so Jack Draves and Bill Koehle were repairing same. At the time it was our observation that, as plumbers, those two gents would make good blacksmiths, or maybe bricklayers would be more correct!

For the first three days of last week the American Society of Agricultural Engineers held its Winter meeting in Chicago. David Bradley was represented on all three days. On Monday, Merle Bloom and George Louthan attended; Tuesday, Floyd Anderson, Vince Webster and Stanley Hill were on hand to acquire new ideas for Bradley; and Guy Gardner, Clarence Bush, and Gavin Bristow helped close the meeting on Wednesday.

Now this bit of news is what could easily be called data from behind the Iron Curtain. (We know some one will be persecuted for passing it on.) What we have been noticing is the new look of Rex Bainter's hands. After all, Rex, there's nothing in the world nicer than dishpan hands. Housework is such a noble task. (How many times have you told the little woman that, Rex? In the future you may not think it so noble, eh?)

Before we go, we'd like to pass on a bit picked up the other day. "Judging others is a dangerous thing; not so much because you may make mistakes about them, but because you may be telling the truth about yourself."—Philemon: Views and Vaguis (Fenland Press).

We wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. (Yes, we wish to include our friend down in Experimental.)

Tool and Die Whistles

By TONY CIACCIO and MICKEY BOUDREAU

Well folks, the Christmas season is here once again. We hope that everyone has his or her Christmas shopping done by now, but there is always time for you last-minute shoppers to go uptown and get a gift of some sort for the ones you hold so dear. Remember, Christmas is the time to show your good will toward your friends. Just a small Christmas card can show your appreciation of a friend or, even further, renew a friendship.

Martha will spend Christmas and New Year's at home in Birmingham, Ala. She left last Friday and is taking her two weeks' vacation.

Tom Damler gets wrapped up in his work sometimes. The other day he tried to put his arm around a milling machine and, brother, you should have seen his shirt. It looked as though he tried to put his arm around a woman.

The big poker session was held at Tom Damler's home this time. Ed Flowers won his share of the money, but he also won somebody else's share. When Mrs. Damler got the "light lunch" ready it looked more like a big banquet. Joe Wieliczko, "The Appetite," took advantage of the fact and started in. He had his first helping eaten and was on his second before Mickey Boudreau even began to eat.

Don Burton came in late the other morning. He said his kids failed him and didn't wake him up on time.

John Campbell is in no way a help to the housing problem. He buys a house and turns around and tears it down.

Well, this is about all we have for now, so we are closing by wishing all of you a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Assemblers and Paint Shop

By DOROTHY RAPIER

Dale Hill recently became the proud father of an eight pound, two ounce baby boy. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

Wayne Logan, eligible bachelor of Department 34, has purchased the Firmwalt's Pontiac. Confidentially, he says it runs like a top, and is never out of gas.

Experimental Splatter

By ELMER MEHRER

Well, it's time to look into the crystal ball for news, if it is news.

Speaking of news, you know we love this paper and read all the items and do enjoy it. We think a newspaper is somewhat like a radio. If you tune in the radio and you do not like the program you turn the dial to what you wish. Happily, you can do a similar thing in reading a paper. If you do not like some of the items you can turn the page.

In looking over the last issue of the paper we notice that this reporter made the columns of four different writers. That's going some. In Forge Shop news, Joe DeWent stated that yours truly passed through his department. That's very true, but he forgot to mention that we also measured tummies and that his is still the biggest. In May Gallagher's "Hypos," she found us wandering on the first floor of the warehouse and wondered if we were lost. You know it is said that a crook will always return to the scene of his crime. Guess we were trying to get back to our old rendezvous on the fifth floor. In another column, Nick Generis called us a "dumbbell." We like that name. You know the other day Nick had his mind in a book and someone closed that book and Nick has been narrow-minded ever since. Better look out, Nick, for we once knew a man who was so narrow-minded that he could put both eyes through a keyhole. Gen and Jeanne both gave us a dig in their column, but we will return their's later.

You know, girls, our old pal, Paul Gall, has gone and ruined himself. You know what he's done? He shaved that pretty cookie duster (mustache) off, and now he looks like a stripped chicken. But Joubert has taken on where Paul left off, for he is trying to grow one. We think he is growing his on the installment plan. A little "down" each month.

The other day at noon hour, the bunch got to talking about sports. It went all the way down the line covering football, baseball, hockey and all, when someone asked which one was the cleanest sport. Rantz, who is always on the ball, piped up with "swimming." How about that?

"Andy Devine" (Fred Cross) has really broken the "G" string in his throat. He has a bad case of laryngitis and can hardly be heard. The gang claims this is a break for them. One of the fellows was giving Fred the once over the other day and made the remark that he was really short and chubby when Art Kline spoke up and said, "His mother must have raised him on condensed milk."

With Christmas near upon us, it is very natural that Santa Claus is the topic in most conversations. Old Santa, as we know, comes but once a year, but our department has come to the conclusion that Oscar Lanow is Kankakee's year around Santa Claus stationed at Arlington Park.

Speaking of Christmas makes us think of a conversation overheard by our Allan Joe Fry and "Sinatra" Boudreau. Joe said to Boudreau, "You know Christmas is getting awful close and I don't know what to get my girl friend for a present. I can't get her a box of candy for she doesn't like candy, and I can't get her cigarettes for she doesn't smoke." Boudreau spoke up with, "Get her some flowers: she smells doesn't she?"

Suppose all our readers have noticed that Jeanne Reilly calls yours truly "Curly" just before we get a hair cut, and "Butch" just after we have it cut. If it were not for a leak in our department she or Gen wouldn't have known of this. You know the last time we went to the barber (and it wasn't six months ago, either) he said, "Well! How come? I haven't seen your face in here for some time." We answered him by telling him that half of our face had been with him all the time, for the last time he cut half of it off. Anyhow, Jeanne and Gen, what would you do without this leak in our department, who is none other than Joseph Fry? If we must call each other names, let's call him not a leak, but "a drip."

We hate to be picking on these dandy girls, but the only time a woman took a man's side was when they made Eve.

We want to say to Alex Meier, who is our newlywed in this department, that the first hundred biscuits are the hardest.

Since Jeanne has joined up with Gen she has been the subject of quite a little talk among our gang. One of the bunch made the remark, "She seems like a very

modest girl." Lochner said, "Is she ever modest! Why I heard she 'ost a year in mathematics when she went to school because she would not have anything to do with improper fractions."

Last week two of our engineers, Merle Bloom and "Tex" George Louthan, attended the A.S.A.E. conference at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago. "Tex" says that when they were checking out, Bloom happened to look up at a sign over the clerk's desk which read, "Have you forgotten anything?" Bloom read it, grabbed his traveling bag and hurried back to their room. He picked up all the soap and towels and stuffed them in his bag. We have often passed Bloom's house and have seen towels on the clothes line with Morrison and Blackstone on them, but always thought he had company with their names printed on them. Now we expect to see Stevens on the line.

Our two field men, Alex Meier and Larry Harris, are now heading for the movies. Alex we now call "Tyron Power" and Harris we call "Mickey Rooney." They have their pictures taken on some of our implements to be used for advertising purposes. They are both quite proud of themselves and before long we look to see them coming to work in tails and bow ties.

We hate to tell this, but you know when we talked to Gen about the article she wrote concerning us in the last issue, we told her she was all wet. She went right home and put on her pumps.

Enough of this. Here is our thought for the day: People entirely wrapped up in themselves often make very small packages.

And now that this is the last issue before Christmas, we wish you all "A Merry Christmas."

Forgings

By HAROLD SIEFERT and JOE DeMENT

Seems a lot of the fellas should carry a complete set of maps with them when they go outside the city limits. Sometime ago one of the fellas went to Chicago and on the way back became a little confused as to the route to Kankakee. So he stopped at a tavern, got a beer or so, and then inquired directions back home. Being very careful so as not to lose his way again, he drove for another two hours till he spotted another tavern and decided to stop again and see how close he was. The bartender took one look at him and said, "Back again! I told you the way home two hours ago." How about that Elmer Beach?

Not too long after that, Joe Hanko decided to go to Chicago, too, only he played safe and took a bus. He got up there all right, but on the way back Joe got a little drowsy and fell asleep. Guess what!—Joe woke up in Valparaiso, Ind. My! My!

That should be bad enough but then just last Saturday Vern Bisbing started out for Martinton about 7 p.m. He wanted to make a fast trip so he decided to take a short cut. About 9 p.m. still no Martinton. He pulled up to a farm house to inquire and got a nasty look from the farmer who had already retired for the night. He followed the farmer's directions and still later ended up in Watseka. Looks bad, doesn't it, fellas? See what I mean about maps?

They tell me that Phil Ashline makes an A-1 electrician when it comes to fixing fans or visa versa.

Is it true about Harry Morrison giving his boys on the south shore gang an orientation every morning before work?

I think it only fair that Stanley Ignaczak and Joe Pawlowski have their wheelbarrows painted a nice bright red for a change. After all, look at the red, white and blue paint job on Walter Koza's "mule."

At last Eddie "The Cat" Cieryca is a hammer man. He worked his last day Friday the 10th. Happy, Ed?

Adam Potchebski is no longer a hammer man, as "The Cat" took his place. Adam is now a "set-up" man which is no snap in anybody's language. Good luck, Adam.

We don't know how he does it, but did everyone notice the new fluorescent lamp over Leo Richa's "setting" bench? What's the secret, Leo? It's the only one in the shop, too!

Instead of driving to work the other day, Kenneth Forley rowed his boat to work for a change. Result—one hour late. Tch! Tch!

Our inspector, Arcade Plante, has a million dollar idea, fellas. He tells me he's working out a new invention for a bottle "cap." You figure it out, fellas. We don't know, either. In case you don't recognize the name, his alias is "Joe."

Office (1st Floor)

By CORRENE MEHRER

Here it is, almost the end of 1948 and Leap Year and Shirley and Eugenia are still single and happy!!! Yours truly succeeded, though. It really is very simple. You put the words in his mouth, he puts the ring on your finger, and you put the ring in his nose.

In case you haven't heard, Jean Regnier has purchased a dog. She apparently paid for quality instead of quantity, which proves that good things come in small packages. We understand she has had a wiping good time ever since the dog arrived.

Wayne Goodrich has resigned his position in timekeeping and is leaving soon for the West Coast. Ted Blanchette of the same department has left to join the Army Air Forces. Dolores Lancaster has transferred from Tabulating to Budget, where she will replace Alberta Grueneberg.

Mr. Haden and Mr. Thurston spent Monday and Tuesday in Newark, Ohio, at a Sears factory, the Newark Stove Company. While there, they studied the office procedure of that company.

Ruth Collins attended the Bears-Cardinals game in Chicago last week-end.

Jeanne Regnier entertained recently at a Christmas party for the Purchasing Department in her new abode. Rita McClure, Katherine McAndrews Leutloff, Vernyce Anderson and Germaine Lamarre Mackin, former employees of that department, were also there. Everyone met Bijou (Jeanne's new dog), who is only 10 weeks old, and already smokes a pipe. Santa left gifts for all, and the stork left gifts for Gerry. Jeanne served a beautiful lunch, carrying the holiday motif. Everyone had a lovely time, including Jolly Fister, who ate too much.

Because Christmas is just around the corner, we thought it might be nice to drop a little note to Santa and ask for a few small gifts. So, if any of these people are on your list, and you don't know what to buy them, maybe the following suggestions will be of some help to you.

Yvonne Blanchette: She has all of her front teeth, but she would like to get her two back teeth.

Delma Martin: Shock-resister. Stella Vaillancourt; Thirst quencher for her husband.

Betty Bertrand: One pair of stilts.

Dan Fryer: Fifth of whiskey (for snake bite, of course).

Peg Hanna: Purse-size rollaway bed to take with her when she visits Ann Kraft (the floor is mighty hard to sleep on).

Fern Belmore: Automatic pilot for the switchboard.

Toni Lustig: Pair of ear plugs so she won't have to listen to a certain person gripe. (Wonder who).

Pat Morrison: "Each" or "lot" on purchase requisitions.

Ruth Collins: A "How to Bowl Book," or a private bowling alley.

Bob Sundin: 110% Budget Performance.

Ray Curby: Permanent deferment.

Sid Robb: A wife that won't make him run everything around the house.

Chelsea Renshaw: A box of chocolate bars so he can give Mr. Thurston one each day.

Mike Car: A 5-room apartment or house where he won't have to get rid of his kids to rent it.

Marie Legris: A motor scooter to get around the office faster.

Shirley Essington: She figures she has been such a bad girl, there would be no point in asking for anything, because she wouldn't get it anyway.

Everyone: The Kaiser to be given away at the Paramount.

Merry Christmas everyone, and we will see you next year.

Acids and Fumes

By JEANNE REILLY

We think that Cecil is in good standing with his children again after it finally snowed just a little last week. It seems that the weather forecast predicted snow the first part of last week and Cecil told his children of it and the next morning when they got up and looked outside and found no snow they told their Daddy that it was his fault and they were quite put out about the whole matter. Last Thursday night made up for it and now everyone at the

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ENTRANCE GATES ARE NOW IDENTIFIED BY NUMBERS

A suggestion was recently received from a plant worker who suggested that all plant gates be identified numerically. He reasoned that in event of an emergency, such as a fire or ambulatory call, the guard on duty could quickly direct the operator to the proper gate. This same policy applies to the large number of outside trucks that enter the plant daily.

The gates have now been identified as follows:

No. 1 — Switchtrack gate at southwest corner of the plant.

No. 2—Employee's entrance to Personnel Building, south end of plant.

No. 3 — Truck gate between Laboratory and Main Office, south end of plant.

No. 4—Employee's gate, west of Guardhouse, south end of the plant.

No. 5 — Truck and employe gate, east of Main Office, south end of plant.

No. 6 — Employee's entrance, east side of plant.

No. 7 — Employee's entrance from parking lot, northeast corner of plant.

No. 8—Truck gate at north end of plant.

No. 9—Switchtrack gate at northwest corner of plant.

It would be well for each of us to familiarize ourselves with the numbers which identify these gates, as it would certainly be advantageous in the event of an emergency.

FOLKS YOU KNOW . . . Cont. from Preceding Page

Crawford household is on speaking terms again.

We have heard through the grapevine that Johnny bought a new suit that really set him back. Now, John, what are you going to use for money to buy all those Christmas presents with? Your wife will no doubt expect something pretty expensive from you if you can go out and buy a new suit just before the holidays.

Now that the Christmas season has rolled around once more, we've found a jingle that we think is cute, but hard to read. It is as follows:

Yingle, Yingle, Yingle,
Comes it now Kris Kringle,
Geeses it now extravagance,
Financial pains in poppa's pants.
Cheeldren they are ful from sveetness,
Also they are ful from neatness.
For a veek see poppa's pets
Lighting heem his cigarets.
Miracles on Sunday morning,
Quietness, without a varning,
Helping moma vit de dishes,
Hoping they should gat tree vishes.

Woms also geaves attention
Like a Kendy store confection,
Cooks it poppa's favorite blintzes
Just by vay of geeving hintzes.
Robber, t'ief, this Santa Claus
Should gattink punches in de jaws
For making people spanding money
I'm tallink you, it eesn't funny
When he's coming, yingle, yingle,
Batter you should staying single.

(Taken from the booklet of American Wheelabrator Corp.)

Jack is busy as a little bee, wrapping up presents and sending them to his children in New York. It seems that he stopped down to the Personnel Office the other day to get their candy and nuts, and while walking back to the Laboratory he dropped one sack

of the nuts. He immediately retraced his steps, but they were no where to be found. Poor, Jack! Now he will have to go and buy some more to put in his package.

Hannover has been looking for someone who wants to buy his Mercury. He keeps telling us all that if he sells it, he will walk until Spring. This we all have to see! Won't someone please buy his car so we can find out the results.

Jim Hudson tells us that he really got his wife a nice present for her Christmas. But I'm afraid this paper will come out before then, so we'll not put it in writing what it is, but you can be assured, Mrs. Hudson, that it is nice and something you can use every day of the week (hint).

Yours truly wants to take the opportunity to wish all the other employees of D.B.M.W. a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" from all of us down here in the Chemical and Metallurgical Laboratory.

Closing, now with a New Year wish that should be everyone's:

HEALTH enough to make work a pleasure.

WEALTH enough to support our needs.

STRENGTH enough to battle with difficulties and overcome them.

GRACE enough to confess our sins and forsake them.

PATIENCE enough to toil until some good is accomplished.

CHARITY enough to see some good in our neighbor.

LOVE enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others.

FAITH enough to make real the things of God.

HOPE enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

(Taken from the Christmas booklet of the American Wheelabrator Corp.)

Intra-Plant Fire Brigade Holds Meeting

The monthly meeting of the David Bradley Intra-plant Fire Brigade was held at a local inn on December 9. Guests were Mr. A. Burton, fire prevention officer of the A. O. Smith Corporation, Mr. C. Pester, Mr. J. Harwell, Mr. D. Bell and Mr. E. Miller of our plant, in addition to the Maintenance Department Safety Committee.

During the course of the business meeting, current problems were discussed, the revised companies were announced, and future plans of the brigade were given to the men present.

Our fire prevention brigade consists of Chief Barrone, two assistant chiefs, Al Prince and Herman Kray, five hose companies, consisting of a captain, a lieutenant and from five to ten men each, depending on the areas they represent.

All of these David Bradley men serve on a volunteer basis. They all live within the near vicinity of the plant and are trained in fire-fighting methods. They realize their responsibilities in this preventive work and also appreciate the necessity of a fire prevention program.

These men are making David Bradley a safer place in which to work and protecting Company property. They well know that a serious fire at David Bradley could wipe out their means of livelihood.

You, irrespective of where you are working at David Bradley, can help make the work of these men considerably easier by assisting in the elimination of the various practices and hazards that cause industrial fires.

These men have the fullest cooperation of management in their constant vigil in the prevention of fires. They have been authorized to report conditions that are potential fire hazards.

Let us all cooperate with them and make our jobs more secure and safer.

Add to red faces: The investment and news services whose advertisements after November 3 offered to interpret business under a Republican administration.

Home is the place where a man can say anything he pleases, because no one pays attention to him anyway.

One reason why it's hard to save money is that our neighbors are always buying something we can't afford.



DAVID BRADLEY

Maple Splinters

By FRANK SOVINSKI

Highlights of December 7

Charley Brinkman, with a 225 game, was high man for the night. Willard Nelson's 222 game was good for second high. Russ Hubert, by hitting 593 pins, copped high series. Charley Brinkman's 558 series was second high.

The 12th place Disc Harrows rolled an unbelievable 892 game, high for the night, and the Rakes were second high with 865.

The Mowers' 2419 series and the Shellers' 2411 series gave them first and second highs for the night.

The team and individual leaders, after being at a standstill for five consecutive weeks, underwent some changes. Willard Nelson and Charley Brinkman tied Leo Richa for second and third high game. The Shellers, after hitting their 2411 series, were passed by the Mowers with a 2419, easing the Cultivators out of third place. The Disc Harrows' 892 game placed them in second place, dropping the Loaders to third, and pushed the Rakes out of the money.

While some of the boys were red hot, others must have slept in a deep freeze. Matty Mathews' games of 87, 82 and 85 set a new low for the year. Jack Martin's 327 series, Curtis Karr's 320 series, and Guy Odom's 353 series indicates that the alleys were cold.

Can you imagine this guy Brinkman rolling a 122 game in between games of 211 and 225? His series, plus handicap, was one pin shy of getting in third place money.

We've changed our mind about bowling these fellows Ray and Ralph for suds. Ralph's third game of 100 certainly made our jug of suds taste good.

"Little Warvie" kept picked up a split in the 10th frame to roll his first 200 game of the season.

Frankie Pezdirtz also bowled a 200 game. He tells us that it beat his wife's high game.

Have you noticed the way Mike Car has been raising his average? Goes up several pins each week.

Rol Schlemmer hit a new high game of 175. He says, "Yeh, and we lose the game by 11 pins."

Mark Scism was kept home by the old flu bug, but his team won three games. Good old Elmer Pahnke filled in for him and made two-bits profit for the night. Elmer says he will take a short one on you, Mark.

Pappy Nelson, by hitting a new high game of 197, helped the

LEAGUE STANDINGS

(December 14)

Team	Won	Lost
Mowers	24	9
Shellers	19	14
Tractors	19	14
Seeders	19	14
Grinders	19	14
Hay Rakes	18	15
Spreaders	18	15
Hay Loaders	17	16
Stokers	17	16
Plow Shares	15	18
Plows	15	18
Planters	15	18
Disc	14	19
Wagons	13	20
Cultivators	13	20
Drag Harrows	9	24

SCHEDULE

December 28

Planters vs. Stokers, Spreaders vs. Cultivators, Disc vs. Plows, Tractors vs. Grinders, Plows vs. Shellers, Mowers vs. Rakes, Loaders vs. Drags, and Wagons vs. Seeders.

January 4

Grinders vs. Drag Harrows, Hay Loaders vs. Tractors, Stokers vs. Hay Rakes, Plows vs. Wagons, Cultivators vs. Plow Shares, Disc Harrows vs. Spreaders, Seeders vs. Shellers, and Planters vs. Mowers.

Rakes hit their 865 game. Leroy "Back-up" Pombert also hit a new high game of 215, adding considerably to the Disc Harrows' new second high game of 892. Rudy Koehle's new 192 game rendered a good assist in the same game.

Highlights of December 14

Johnny "Cannonball" Usewicz hit both high game of 243 and high series of 587. He sure was hot. This is the highest high game of 1937 and the Planters hit high series of 2428.

The 14th place Planters' series of 2428 not only set a new high team series, but the bunch of lugs picked on our team in so doing. Can you imagine guys like Louie Schneider and Bob Gibson, with 138 averages, hitting series of 566 and 500? Talk about some rabbit foot hits! Ray Studer, after hitting a turkey in the third game, finally learned that a bowler should keep his eyes open. Even Tony Ciaccio averaged 150 against us. They bribed their captain, Stankus, to stay at home, using his high average instead. Oh well, our luck will change.

Louie's 566 series, plus his handicap of 124, gave him 690 pins, a new individual high series. He eased Louie Richa out of first place by one pin.

The Loaders, after losing six straight games, got back on the beam by licking the Plows three straight. Elmer Riberdy, our honorable league president, did the very unusual, picking up a 7-10 pin split and, brothers, that's bowling!

Elmer Carpenter of the last-place Drags helped his team win their only game with a big 168 game.

The Stoker team is about as dormant as our Stoker production this past five weeks, having lost 13 out of their last 15 games. Better fire up, fellows. It looks like a long Winter.

Bustin' Bill Korstick hit a big 93 score for his second game. Maybe he was throwing the pumpkin his buddy, Tony Staneszewski, recently received.

Did you notice the bright yellow suspenders "Pop" Nelson wore last night. Wow! They must have been last year's Christmas present. Red Drazy, bowling against "Pop," says that it was no wonder he couldn't hit any more than 400 pins. He was blinded!

Wes Scott hit a new low. His games were 99, 122 and 126. Wes isn't worried about being farmed out.

Eddie "Catfish" Drazy, whose average had slipped from 166 to 155 in recent weeks, found the old pocket, hitting a 529 series. His teammate, Dick "Back-up" Beck, nosed him out with a 537 series. Eddie Geistwhite complained and they ganged up on our team.

Employees Learn of Their 'Stake' in David Bradley



Shown above is a part of the attentive audience of David Bradley employees who heard much about the past history of the plant and hopes for its future at a meeting held Thursday evening, December 9, at the

Bradley High School gymnasium. This meeting, for day shift workers, was preceded by a meeting held for night shift employes on the afternoon of the same day at the Bradley American Legion Home.