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NASTY WORD -- ABSENTEEISM

We are quite disturbed about the ABNORMAL numbers of persons who are frequently and consistently absent for trivial reasons. There are times when it is necessary to miss a day's work, but only when absolutely necessary. Granted that there are instances like the recent storm, when it is impossible to get here, but these are not ordinary circumstances.

Each of us has an obligation to be here every work day. We are all needed on our jobs. If we were not needed, we wouldn't have a job in the first place. These persons who just "look for excuses" not to be here cause all kinds of problems, especially in the production areas. Please make every effort to be at work DAILY, and, for the luvva Pete, if you can't make it, please call in. Would you believe that so far this year, we have averaged over 50 persons a day absent. That is NOT good. AND - don't kid yourself, this "blast" is directed at Office Personnel as well as the direct and indirect workers in the shop.



"I've heard everything now—a man, building a hope chest, 20 years after he's married!"

NEW ROPERITES are: THOMAS PATRICK, JOHN HOWELL, LOUIS REICHERT, BRYAN MARTIN, THOMAS WHITE, RONALD CHANDLER, WAYNE PARKER, WAYNE CALVIN, ROBERT GIROUX, EARL GIROUX, PATRICK KEEGAN, DUANE QUICK, JOEL PICKERING, JIMMY LaCOST, and RICHARD BOYD. Welcome to the "family", Men.

SERVICE PLATEAUS for February

	20 years	
LEONARD DIONNE		D/70
	15 years	
RUSSEL SADLER		D/70
	5 years	
BARBARA EDWARDS		Accounting
LOUIS GINERIS		Material Control
PAUL AUVE		D/70
RAYMOND BELMORE		D/22
RICHARD ENDRES		D/67
BOBBY GARRISON		D/35
ROBERT HARRIS		D/35
BRUCE KARR		D/42
ROBERT LaFOND		D/35
LOXIE SANDERS		D/35
HAROLD SHEA		D/25
DONALD WALKER		D/41
RAYMOND WILLIAMS		D/22

ROBERT CRAWFORD and RALPH TEAGUE, both of Dept. 42, have temporarily departed from our midst, gone to work for Uncle Sam.

DAVE GOCKEN, D/67, leaves today for service in the Army. Good Luck.

Welcome back to TOM FENNELL (D/35) who has returned from a Military Leave of Absence. Happy to see you "home", TOM.

MILITARY ADDRESS

Pvt. Richard J. Clodi US 54812969
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Do you realize that we now have NINETY of our people in Military Service? We salute these men, one and all.

MEN OF OUR ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENT AND THEIR FAMILIES
PHOTO TAKEN AT A PICNIC - 1947



Care to stumble along Memory Lane with us again? The pic above was taken at a picnic in the summer of 1947, and it is of our Assembly Department employees and their families. Many of these men are still here, and making history with us each day they work. How many of them can you spot?

Seeing this picture, the "Guys" in it will probably laugh, and probably, the "Gals" will scream at us. Thanks to HAROLD WHETMORE, who brought this in for us.

While it is our pleasure to be acquainted with all of the men still here, there are only a couple of the youngsters parked in the front row who we know. Question of the year now becomes: How many, and who, of these "Kids" of 1947 are now working here in our plant. We feel it would be interesting to find this out. So, Dads, Moms, Retirees, and everyone else, if you know of any of these working here now, let us know.

OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK



This smiling "Map of Ireland" belongs to genial JOHN O'FLAHERTY. He reported for work here on July 5, 1933, and has been an outstanding employee ever since. Most of his work, prior to going on Super-

vision in 1945, was heat treating. Great success and results as a supervisor brought about his being named a Divisional Superintendent in 1957, which post he still commands.

One son, GERALD, was born to JOHN and DOROTHY O'FLAHERTY, and now there are two grandsons, MARK and JEFF, to add to their joys.

Before he encountered a little trouble with his back and leg, this man was one of the best golfers in the area. Always a perfectionist, he has a "picture book" swing. We are trying to get him back into the game, despite the fact that he always tromps on us.

Mr. and Mrs. O'FLAHERTY enjoy puttering around in their yard, and take great pride in their lovely flower garden. It is our personal pleasure to have enjoyed the friendship of this man for many years.



SAFETY SHOE PROGRAM

We hope you have read the bulletin board notices about the Shoemobile coming to visit our plant. No sermon this week--just look at the cartoon. The Shoemobile people will individually fit each of you, and guarantee that the safety shoes will NOT hurt your feet. Good protection!



"I'll never wear safety shoes—they hurt my feet!"



"He says his foot hurts!"



A friend of ours (his initials are WILLIE GREEN) runs a press in Department 15. Some jobs require the use of a small wooden paddle to "catch" the parts as they drop from the die. This prevents hand injuries, and is a fine safety factor. As proof of just how important it is to safety, many of the paddles get caught in the press, and really splintered. WILLIE felt the need of more paddles, so he left one of the mangled ones in the Carpenter Shop with a note to "Make three just like this". So, to follow the instructions to the letter, ELMER "BUD" RANTZ scrounged around and found a beat-up old piece of plywood, and made three decrepit paddles for WILLIE. We hear it was a panic just to see the look on WILLIE'S kisser when BUD gave them to him.

GOOD NEWS - AND BAD

Good news—Old Mr. Mistry (himself) our CLARENCE WILKINS of the Maintenance Dept. is back at work after his illness, and we are sure glad to see him.

More good news is that BONNIE KOHL, wife of Maintenance Supt. WEBB KOHL, is making very rapid and remarkable recovery from her bout with TB. Atta girl, BONNIE

The bad news is that our diminutive doll, DELMA BURKHALTER, has had to return to the Clinic in Champaign, cause an infection has set in after her surgery. Come on, DELMA, and hurry back. We miss your sunshine smile.



Listen Americans!

... by Dr. George S. Benson
 PRESIDENT — NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
 Searcy, Arkansas

DIAMOND JUBILEE

Are you aware that you can buy stock in the Village of Bradley's DIAMOND JUBILEE at a buck a share. The stock will be on sale at RUDY'S in Bradley today and tomorrow. Let's go.

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We skipped the bowling last week and got yelled at, so this is what happened the last couple of weeks. Last week, SHOFF'S 224 and 556 won both high game and series. This week, USEWICZ had a 244 game, and GIFFORD had high series, 617.

The TOOL ROOM leads with 59½ pts. followed by ASSEMBLY with 57, PAINT LINE 54, DISPATCHING 53, FURNITURE 47½, STORES and MACHINES 40 each, and TRUCKING 33.

The TOOL ROOM lads tumbled 1061 pins for high game, and FURNITURE had high series with 2927. How 'bout that?

It won't be long before a notice will go up, to have a meeting to get the golf league going. Many of the boys are "champing at the bit", ready to go. Shine up your "bats", sign up in the league, and HAVE FUN.

Professional Tax Preparation - By appointment only. Call 933-8704.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Electric stove, good condition. Call 932-8173.

FOR SALE: Two mare ponies, ages 4 and 7, a set of double show harnesses with collar, and a buggy on rubber tires. Want to sell all together at set price. Phone Chebanse 697-2412

Let's examine further some of the benefits every American receives from the far-reaching effects of our profit system. Looking ahead to 1980, the best estimate is that we will have more than 100 million men and women in the work force. There are approximately 77 million at work today. Twenty-five million new jobs will have to be created, at the rate of nearly two million new jobs a year, to meet the requirements of our present growth rate. Who will create those 25 million new jobs?

If we are to maintain our historic freedom, the new jobs must be created out of the profits of free enterprise business and industry. At present costs for plant, tools, and inventory, more than \$20,000 is required on the average to create a single job (and the costs are soaring). The 25 million jobs needed between now and 1980 will require the investment of \$500 billion — out of business profits! But business profits are declining. And, moreover, Carl H. Madden, chief economist of Chamber of Commerce of the United States, says: "For 1967, the outlook is for more substantial declines in business profits."

Factors he considers in this forecast are (1) suspension of the seven per cent investment tax credit on business expansion; (2) suspension of the accelerated depreciation allowance to expanding industries; and (3) a clearly visible rise in unit labor costs, higher than the rate of productivity improvement. These factors dampen the incentive to build new plants and create new jobs. They force producers of goods either to raise prices or watch their profits, out of which new jobs are created, dissipate.

The American business system enjoyed a healthy increase in profits during 1965 and the first two quarters of 1966. The upsurge in profits brought an even more remarkable increase in business investment in new plants and equipment (and new jobs — an increase of 22.7% for the 18-months period. This was an extraordinary rate of growth, and it couldn't be expected to go on forever. It had already begun to slow down when Federal Government "experts" began to apply artificial dampeners. Now there are some signs of a business recession ahead — which would be harmful to everybody.

Thus we see a part of the stake each citizen has in a healthy, profit-making free enterprise system. Another part of the stake is in our standard of living, as compared to that of people living in countries where the business system is Government-operated or Government-controlled, and where business profit is not permitted. The following table demonstrates dramatically how much better people live, with a profit system of capitalism, than do the Russians who live and work in a Government-controlled, non-profit-making Socialist economy:

Work Time to Buy

Russia Hours	Selected Commodities	U.S.A. Hours
183	Man's Wool Suit	23
49	Rayon Dress	5
41	Men's Shoes	6
38	Women's Shoes	3
13	Man's Cotton Shirt	2
5	Women's Nylon Hose	½
23½	Lb. Butter	¼
13½	Doz. Eggs	¼
14½	Lb. Beef	½

New gal in the Engineering Department is JOYCE LOWERY, who is taking SHERI SYNOLD's old job. SHERI has transferred to the Sales Department to replace CHERYL DUPUIS, who is moving to Georgia to be with her husband, who is serving in the Army there.

The new Dispatcher galloping around the place is LOREN MARTIN. Welcome.