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THOSE WERE THE DAYS

We received an interesting letter from a MR. A.E. SANDBERG of Paxton, Ill. to tell us about his father VICTOR SANDBERG, a retiree, who had fallen and sustained a broken hip in December. MR. SANDBERG is convalescing at Riverside Hospital and receives the paper each week, according to his son.

A check into the records reveals VICTOR SANDBERG started to work here in 1907 and his wages were 7½¢ per hour. However he had built up his earnings by 1912 to 20¢ an hour.

He retired in 1947 at the age of 65 and on March 4 will celebrate his 86th birthday. We salute this fine Old Timer and suggest that any employes who knew him here might like to send him a card or visit him at the hospital.

Congratulations to GERALD BOURRELL D/67 and MARYLOU SURPRENANT. They were wed January 27, 1968.

PAUL GAMBREL D/35 who was on Military Leave since July has reached Viet Nam. His address is:

PFC PAUL V. GAMBREL US54818776
US Army Engr. Comd.
Vietnam (P) (AIDS)
APO San Francisco 96491

NEW PLANT EMPLOYEES

RAYMOND PERKINS, DUANE HANSEN, ROGER FORBES, RICHARD MAISONNEUVE, RICHARD BOYKINS, JOHN WARD, VINCENT GIANCANA, GARY WARNER, WILLIAM SEXTON, DON STUTZMAN, ELWOOD WEISKE, WILLIAM LONG, WILLIAM GASTIN, TOMAS GARCIA, DENNIS HESS, RAYMOND HUBERT, WILLIAM PETTIT, NICHOLAS MYERS, STEVE COASH, RICKEY JOHNSTON, LARRY GRAHAM, LOUIS STERRENBERG, RONALD JACKSON, DONALD WRIGHT, WILLIAM WRIGHT, WILLIAM LAVOIE, JAMES E. SMITH, WILBUR MOSHER, GERALD HARSHA, HAROLD MORINE, DANIEL VANHOVELIN, GEORGE WILLIS, RONNIE HOPPER, CHARLES MARTIN, DONALD HUBERT, ELMER WEEKS, GERALD CLARK, PERRY NOEL, RUSSEL MEREDITH, EDWARD CUTLER.

Congratulations to LES McCLURE D/71 on the accomplishment of his son LESLIE who received a degree in Electronic Engineering from Valparaiso University recently and was Valedictorian of his graduating class. LESLIE has accepted a position with Bomac Corp. of Boston, Massachusetts.

RETIREE



Wednesday, January 31 was the last day on the job for another fine old timer EARL HANSEN who reached compulsory retirement age on January 27. He started at Bradley on May 15, 1941, as a trucker in Department 25 and when he packed his gear Tuesday after his last full day he was still in the same department on the same job.

EARL and his wife LOTTIE are parents of four girls, all married, and they have twelve grandchildren, four boys and eight girls.

The HANSENS' live in Papineau and EARL'S plans for retirement call only for putting in and taking care of his garden, and working on the house. Since the house has 8 rooms and sits on 3 large lots it sounds like he will not be idle.

This fine man, characterized by his supervisors as a dependable employe who knew his job and did it well, leaves us with our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to JOE KEIGHER (Methods) and his wife NATALIE on the birth last Friday of their eighth child, a girl BRIDGET ROSE.

Congratulations also to NEAL MASSENGILL D/25 and his wife ALIETA on the birth of their first child a boy born January 25. NEAL JR. is his name.

JOE COTE returned Wednesday from a 2 year Military Leave of Absence. He was with the Marines. He will be returning to D/35.

RONALD BECKWITH left last week to go into the service. He is from D/35.

OLD TIMER



WALTER ROKUS, one of a vanishing breed, has only had one job in his life and that was right here. On March 31, 1937 when he started he had still a couple of months to go to reach his 17th birthday. His first job title was "Cutting Extras" but over the years he has worked in many departments as Bench Grinder, Machine Operator and Press Operator. When the Pool Table Line started in '66 WALT was one of the original group, later transferring to Assembly. Last July when stricken by the illness that still prevents his return to work, he was still assigned to Assembly.

WALT and his wife JUNE have three children - a boy WALTER JR. at home and two daughters, SANDRA who is married and NANCY a Junior at Westview.

This fine Old Timer's hobbies have always been fixing things around the house and fishing. But now he says his main hobby is to get well and return to the job. To this we add a hearty wish that this day will be soon.

The Florence-Roper Employees Credit Union held its 17th Annual meeting Saturday January 20, with 400 in attendance. New directors were elected, entertainment was furnished by a Herscher High School vocal group, and the speaker of the evening was TONY BUONOMO, who spoke on the importance of thrift and why it is better to borrow the money you need than it is to use the money you have saved in the Credit Union.

The grand door prize was won by our own Employment Mgr. DON BLANCHETTE. DON claims he is really unlucky since he says it will cost him more than the stove is worth because MRS. BLANCHETTE wants the kitchen remodeled now. DON also won a puppy lately but has been unable to bring it home due to hostility on the part of RASTUS the present BLANCHETTE dog.

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BOWLING by DON BAYLOR

Standings:

MOWERS	50 points
COMPACTS	46 points
SAWS	45 points
BULLDOZERS	42 points
SUBURBANS	40 points
POOL TABLES	37 points
TILLERS	31½ points
FURNITURE	28½ points

Weeks Hi Game - WAYNE RASMUSSEN - 232

Weeks Hi Series - LOUIE RICHA - 546

Weeks Hi Team Game - Bulldozers - 933

Weeks Hi Team Series - Bulldozers - 2548

This week the Bulldozers dominated as they took 4 points from Suburbans. The league leading Mowers continue to have their troubles as they only salvaged 1 point from the on charging Saws.

WAYNE RASMUSSEN with a 232 Hi Game just lacked two pins of setting a new Hi Game W/handicap. Hi Game W/handicap is 267 by LORAN MARTIN.

I understand alleys 29-30 are a jinx to AM HACKLEY and after last Monday night's action maybe we should include alleys 33-34. As it turned out several bowlers had a rough time.

Don't forget the Roper Employees Bowling Tournament, to be held at Gala Lanes February 3, 4, 10, 11. Notices on bulletin boards. Good Luck to All!

The Shoemobile will make its semi-annual visit to the plant on February 12 and 13. Samples will be available in the eating areas and as usual the Company will pay \$2.00 toward the price of each pair. We would like to send JIM BOURRELL D/15 on a speaking tour of each department to tell of his experience of Tuesday. A 4" solid steel round, ten feet long and weighing about 450 lbs. dropped on his foot from a height of about 3 feet. Without Safety shoes we feel and he agrees that his toes would have been mashed almost beyond recognition. But he was wearing Safety Shoes. Result - a small fracture at the base of his big toe and back at work Wednesday with a walking cast. Today JIM feels every employe who enters the plant should have Safety Shoes on.

FOR SALE: Buick Grand Sport Mags, \$90.00. Call 933-4238

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MUST SELL!! 1963 Olds Cutlass 2 door - Excellent condition., V-8 Auto. Trans. Power Steering. Phone 932-3369

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