

RETIREE Most of ELMER'S time here was spent in the Foundry. Since it closed he has had a variety of jobs in the Tool Crib, Material Control, Dispatching, and his last 4 years have been in Quality Audit for Furniture. In 1958 he was helping the Aroma Fire Department fight a brush fire when a motorist plowed into the job, killing two of the men outright and putting most of the rest in the hospital. ELMER was critical for a long period and lost his leg as a result. He says he was mighty low until visited in the hospital by JESS HARWELL and HARREL RANDOLPH, who assured him he would always have a job. This was news that helped get him over the hump and speeded his recovery.



Come the end of June there will be a new No. 1 man in the bargaining unit because the 30th will mark the end of the road for ELMER WILKEN. ELMER, who reached his 65th birthday on June 9, and started to work here on March 27, 1925, has been 1st on the Seniority List for several years. He actually worked here in 1921 but, after three years, quit to work in Kansas. However, after one year he was ready to come back to Bradley, especially since train fare was sent him by the then Plant Mgr. J. C. BOHMKER. In fact, ELMER tells us he even worked here a short time when he was 9, sorting castings after school for 60¢ a week. This ended when school authorities found out about it.

MR. and MRS. (VERA) WILKEN have an adopted daughter, SANDRA and a son JOHN who has been in the Air Force for 18 years and is currently a training instructor. They have three grandchildren. MRS. WILKIN has been a tremendous help to him since his accident.

When we asked ELMER about his future plans we learned that he plans to spend some time in Texas visiting his son and do some woodworking in his home workshop. He says his wife would like to make a gardener of him, but no soap.

This fine gentleman, who has always had a genuine feeling for his job and the plant, is thankful to have worked for Sears and Roper and is especially thankful for the Pension Plan. We all wish for him only the best.

NEWSPAPER NEWS

Due to plant inventory and shutdown there will be no publication of the Roper Bradley News for the next four weeks. The next issue will be published on July 25. The entire staff of the paper wishes for all employees a safe and happy vacation.

MILITARY NEWS

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WEDDINGS

June is traditionally the month for weddings and last week three of our young men took the step. GLENN SCHUCK, Engineering, married KAREN TEICHELMANN; KENNETH COLLETTE, D/67, married LINDA KAY DILLARD; and ROGER FELLERS, Military Leave, married SANDRA TURNER.

BIRTHS

We congratulate EDWARD D/35 and NANCY ROGERS on the birth of their first child, a boy born Monday.

JOHN CORLETT has returned from Military Leave of Absence and resumed his duties in Department 94.

OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE



LAWRENCE SOMMER came to work at Bradley on April 21, 1941, after several years of farming and a short time working in a paint factory in Chicago. His first assignment was trucking in the Forge Shop for RAY KING and this has been his home department ever since except for temporary work in other areas during slow periods and layoffs. For many years now he has been a welder.

LARRY was drafted at age 37 for service in the Army during World War II and served eighteen months in the Combat Engineers.

He and his wife PEARL, who worked at Bradley during the war, have been married for thirty five years but have no children. His brother HAROLD has worked here almost as long in Department 79 for FORREST BARRIBALL.

This fine Old Timer, who has less than two years to go for retirement is an avid fisherman. For several years now he and his wife have been taking two fishing trips a year to Minnesota. He also does some part time welding at home and likes to watch the Cubs on television. In speaking of his 38 years of service at Bradley, LARRY mentioned that this has been a good place to work and he has enjoyed it.

ATTA BOY JIM!

JAMES MALLANEY, Sales Manager of the Roper Corporation Bradley Division was honored by the Power Saws Manufacturers Association on June 11, at the Sheraton - O'Hare Inn when he was elected President of the Association. He had formerly held the offices of Treasurer and Vice-President and had served for three years on the Board of Directors.

PICNIC

The Annual Roper Bradley Family Picnic will be held this year on Saturday, August 9. General Chairman, DON BLANCHETTE, is busily organizing his committees in an effort to make it the biggest and best event yet.

After seven nights of play, the standings of the first five teams is as follows:

1. JOE DOMINIAK & GORDON FREITAG 200 pts
2. PETE JOHNSON & JIM MAGGARD 181 pts
3. JERRY ALLIE & FRANK MCNASH 177 pts
4. BILL LUSTIK & JERRY MCANARNY 173 pts
5. PAUL STOTTSBERRY & FRANK WASETIS 172 pts

Low team net for the night was 72 by MICKEY BOUDREAU and BILL SELF. JAY KEROUAC and ELWOOD WEISKE had 75½, while third place was a tie between the teams of JOHNSON and MAGGARD, and LEO WILLIAMSON and CHUCK HANNERS. In Class A individual play Low Net was a three way tie involving ROLLIE SCHLEMMER. FRITZ HASEMEYER and JOHN GRIMES all of whom had 37. ANDY RIVARD with 35 was low in Class B, followed by JERRY MCANARNEY'S 38, and 39's by FRED DUST, BOB GIBSON and HANNERS. Birdies were scored by BOUDREAU, SELF and TOM TRAVIS all on the same hole No. 1.

SOFTBALL

We have started from scratch this year and have an entirely new team representing Roper in the Industrial year. The team has started slowly and is presently 0-3 in the league, but improvement has been steady and if enthusiasm means anything this will be a worthy representative before long. The team is managed by GARY PEELER and the following make up the squad: JOHN MCMILLAN, BOBBY CRAWFORD, DAVE WARD, BILLY BROWN, DAVE SHELL, JOE COTE, DAVE GOSELIN, NELSON COLLIER, LARRY ELUMBAUGH, PAUL GAMBREL, GERALD RADABAUGH, DALE ARNOLD, ROGER SMOTHERS, JIM KOPLINSKI and LEN SOULIGNE. Leading home run hitters have been GOSELIN, BROWN and SOULIGNE.

NEW HOSPITALIZATION CARDS

New Hospitalization Identification cards have been issued and will be passed out in the plant and office today. Employees are asked to sign and date them and carry them at all times. Those on lay off and illness will have their cards mailed to them.

FOR SALE: Like new man's Elgin watch; excellent condition, only a year old, stainless steel case, waterproof, shockproof, dust-proof, antimagnetic. Call 937-9221.

Belated sympathy to LAWRENCE D/15A and HAROLD D/79 SOMMER on the death of their brother.