



bradley News

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective immediately the Personnel Department announces that NO payroll checks, vacation checks, illness checks, etc. will be given out to anyone other than the employee to whom the check is made out. The only exception to this will be when a written authorization, in the employee's OWN handwriting, is presented. However, checks can still be mailed to employee's homes by the Personnel Department.

NEW EMPLOYEES

New office employees who recently started are KATHLEEN BENOIT in Engineering and JUDITH GRIERSON in Timekeeping. JUDY formerly worked here in the same department.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Kankakee Community College announces the opening of its 1970 Fall Evening Program in Continuing Education. Many of the courses offered are industry oriented and might be of special interest to our employees. A number of brochures describing the courses are available in the Personnel Office. Registration for the Fall term will be on September 8, 9 and 10 and classes will begin the week of September 21st.

FOR SALE: 40" Kelvinator electric range. Good condition. Call 933-7800 after 4:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1962 Chevrolet Super Sport V-8, stick shift, black. Real sharp! \$280.00. Also maple, twin size headboard, frame and box spring. Nearly new. \$25.00. Call 932-0695.

PUPPY LOVERS TAKE NOTE

Seven week old Beagle Puppies for sale - \$15.00 each. Please call 933-3924.

WHEN YOU let grass grow under your feet, you just get into mower trouble.

FAMILY PICNIC

One thousand six hundred sixty seven members of the Roper Bradley family braved the rainy weather last Saturday to attend the picnic at the Kankakee Fair Grounds. In spite of the inclement weather it was probably the biggest and best yet. The good ladies of the W.C.T.U. would be appalled at the fact that 272 gallons of Budweiser were consumed, but everyone behaved. The gathering did away with the following: 3,700 cups of pop, 2,500 ice cream bars, 2,200 lbs. (over a ton!) of watermelon, 250 lbs. of potato salad, 600 lbs. of baked ham, 1,400 hot dogs and buns, 60 gallons of baked beans, 52 lbs. of potato chips, and 250 loaves of bread.

The Dinette Set was won by MATTHIAS OKELI of D/35. KATHY SCHNELL (daughter of VERN, D/66) was the lucky winner of the Roper Grill and HELEN OWENS (wife of ROBERT D/15) won the swimming pool.

A number of special awards and prizes were presented, as follows:

- Oldest Retiree present - JOE HEBERT, 88
- 2nd Oldest Retiree - BILL NEUMAN SR., 86
- Largest Family - MR. & MRS. ED DEVINE (11 Children)
- Youngest Child present - JOHN MATZEN (Born 5-15-70)
- Longest Married Couple - MR. & MRS. LEVA WHALEY (54 years)
- Newest Married Couple - MR. & MRS. BRUCE COURVILLE (1 mo. 3 days)
- Most Freckles (Boy) - TIM LOVELL
- Most Freckles (Girl) - DANA LOVELL

DON BLANCHETTE, General Chairman, in agreeing that this was the biggest and best yet, felt the choice of the Fairgrounds was a big factor in the success of the affair. He thanked all who helped out on the various committees and games. Thanks are definitely due the Kankakee County Emergency Corps for the efficient job of parking and the Otto Township Inhalator Crew who stood by for possible emergencies, which fortunately did not arise.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This weeks honored employee, ED KEROUAC, is the middle man of the three illustrious KEROUAC brothers. ED is younger than GABE and older than TOM, but both of his brothers preceded him here at Bradley. He originally embarked on a career in small business working in a grocery store in Manteno, which he later purchased. When World War II came he sold his store and came to work here on September 30, 1942. ED is one of those rare employees who has spent his entire career in the same department - Stores and Receiving. In 1947 he was promoted to Foreman and in 1966 to General Foreman. At present his title is General Foreman of Receiving, Stores and Central Trucking.

During the war ED spent two and a half years in the Army as a Combat Infantryman. All of his overseas service was spent from one end of Italy to the other. He was a Corporal at discharge.

ED and his wife, EMMA LOU, have been married for twenty-nine years and have three children and two grandchildren. Daughter MARILYN, the eldest, is the wife of JERRY CAVITT who formerly worked here at Roper. Son JAMES, an ex-basket ball coach is now in Management training for Montgomery Ward. Son JOSEPH, is a senior at Illinois State Normal University majoring in Special Education.

This capable Old Timer is a rabid Cub fan and lover of all sports. He had a four year fling at politics as a member of the Manteno Village Board and has been active in the American Legion for many years serving as Commander at one time. Here at the Plant he has served on the Plant Safety Committee, was formerly treasurer of the Key-men's Club and is currently Vice-President.

Our sympathy to JOHN PINNICK, Dispatching, on the death of his father.

A regular feature in future issues of the Roper Bradley News will be messages of interest to all employees, either written by, or from information contributed by members of the Roper Bradley family. The following is the first of these timely messages.

"THE PICNIC IS OVER"

By MELVIN D. BOULE
Vice President of Manufacturing

In recent years our customer has requested more tractors, chain saws, and more furniture. We were constantly hiring new employees, working around the clock, with overtime being no exception. More equipment, facilities and funds were made available than ever before in our history.

We have the trained employees, equipment and the facilities; however, the economy of the country has slowed down so now we must devote our time and energy towards bringing in new business.

New technologies are being developed and old ones improved.

What can you do to help? The greatest contributions, either directly or indirectly, that you can make towards a successful operation of our plant and for your own advancement is by showing the most interest and enthusiasm in your work and by putting the most intelligent effort into your job.

GOLF LEAGUE

After last weeks play the leading teams are as follows:

1. LARRY DAWKINS & JOE GIUSTI 162 pts.
2. MICK BOUDREAU & FRED DUST 153 pts.
3. BOB MULVIHILL & MICK PUFFER 150 pts.
4. WILLARD NELSON & JOE GUSTIN 141 pts.

For the night the Low Team Net was won by MULVIHILL-PUFFER with 70. Tied for second at 73 were the teams of BOB CRAWFORD-JOE COTE and LEE HERSCHER-MIKE GOWETSKI.

In the individual net competition JERRY MC-ANARNEY was low in Class A with 32. DAWKINS had 35 for second place, while third was a tie between NELSON and DON SNYDER, each of whom had 36. GOWETSKI had a 34 to lead Class B followed by STEVE SERVE with 36 and JERRY with 37.

Birdies were scored by PETE JOHNSON, DAWKINS and CRAWFORD.

If you don't think a girl is dynamite, try dropping one after a courtship she thought was serious.