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The picture shows DON MATHIS D/25 on the left as he presented MAURY COFFMAN D/74 with newly arrived credentials as a member of the Wise Owl Club. The club, sponsored and supported by the National Assn. for the Prevention of Blindness, restricts membership to those whose sight has been saved by safety glasses. These two men are our only members. The certificate they are holding is inscribed as follows: "Maurice Coffman is hereby enrolled as a life member of the Wise Owl Club and is acclaimed for his judgement and foresight in the conscientious use of the eye protection which saved his vision in a work accident on September 24, 1970."

WHIZ QUIZ

Sweet sixteen and never been added. That is, sixteen added vertically, horizontally, and diagonally using these sets of numbers:

1	1	1	1
3	3	3	3
5	5	5	5
7	7	7	7

Note that the numbers add up to sixteen when added vertically and diagonally. Now make them do the same horizontally as well. (Answer on back page)

We welcome DICK BARZANTNY, who started at Roper Bradley on Monday as Sales Representative for ATV's, Roto Spaders and Compact Mills. Dick transferred from the Corporate Office where he has been working with the Geo. D. Roper Sales.

BETTER TIMES

Its been a long tough haul but it looks like the end is in sight and the future looks more promising for us at Roper Bradley than it has for several months. At the end of this year's plant shutdown in July, according to figures furnished by Employment Manager DON BLANCHETTE, there were 190 employees on layoff. This figure has now been reduced to 47. Indications now are that all of these will be given the opportunity to return in the very near future. And DON will even have to learn all over again how to operate our new combination orientation tape and slide presentation for new employees.

Incidentally we are informed that the year 1971 looks much more promising than '70 and increased production is expected in our chain saw, tractor and spader lines.

SAFETY

During the recent Shoemobile visit a total of 178 pairs of safety shoes were purchased by employees. As a result of the company policy of contributing \$4.00 toward the price of each pair, the total cost to the company for this visit was \$712. The worth of safety shoes was emphasized once again recently when LEONARD DIONNE of Maintenance came off second best in a little scuffle with a riding transporter. There was some damage to the shoe but, thanks to the steel toe plate, none to his foot. We are hopeful that, in the very near future, all employees will be wearing safety footwear.

We welcome to the Staff of the Roper Bradley News ORVILLE PALMER, Dispatcher in Receiving, who has assumed the duties of Official Photographer for your paper. BID CLEMENT of Engineering, who has been doing this chore for quite a while, has been forced, by the press of other duties, to give it up. Glad to have you with us, ORV !

QUICKIE

THE SCENE: A modest home in Nazareth, 2000 years ago. Joseph, the carpenter, is busily working in his shop. His young son appears in the doorway and speaks: "Did you call me father?" "No" said Joseph, "I just dropped the hammer on my toe".
END OF SCENE!!



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee, LYLE GORDON, (better known to his friends in the plant as PORKY), was born on a farm in Rockville Township 54 years ago, and came to work at David Bradley on November 25, 1942. Prior to his arrival, he worked on the farm and spent 7 years with a roofing firm in Wilmington. His first assignment here was in the Steel Yard, followed by service on the Shell Line and in the Grinding Room. Since 1947, he has been in Welding and is currently an Arc Welder, and a good one.

During World War II, PORKY served 18 months in the Army. Trained for the infantry, he was put in a Medical Unit upon arrival overseas where he visited France, Belgium and Germany. He remembers, with great pleasure, a one week furlough in Switzerland just before coming home.

LYLE and his wife CHARLOTTE have been married twenty-nine years and have four children and one grandson. Their eldest child is Mrs. DONNA NABORS. Son DALE works at Manteno State, and son LARRY (who formerly worked here as a supplier) was just married last week. Daughter CINDY is eight years old and attends Thomas Edison School.

This popular Old Timer likes to work around the house and yard and likes all sports, but especially basketball and baseball. He has enjoyed his years here and feels fortunate to have been in profit sharing. He says he will be always grateful to Sears for providing \$158 per month to his wife during the time he was in Service, and is particularly proud of his membership in the 20 Year Club.

A forest ranger, patrolling a stream, was impressed recently by how free of cans and bottles the banks were. He was more impressed when he found two large piles of debris near the shore, indicating that someone had troubled to clean up the banks. But disillusionment set in. The work, he found, wasn't the result of a thoughtful camper. A beaver, whose dam was being littered by cans and bottles tossed into the water upstream, was making repeated trips between his home and the bank of the river, busily cleaning his own house and piling the man-made debris on shore!—*Ford Times*.

TOM'S TEN PINS by Tom LaFlamme

Last Monday night Gala Lanes informed me of a new project concerning individual games, series, and split conversions. The bowling alley will give several awards each week for high game, high series, triplicate, consecutive games and difficult split conversions. All team captains are asked to write all names and which splits were picked up at the top of their score sheets each week. The bowling alley will post the highest game and series on a bulletin board located near the main desk.

High series this week was bowled by CLARENCE STUMP with a 580. Following Clarence were BOB CRAWFORD 568, TOM LaFLAMME 559, and JOHN COFFMAN 558. High game was 215 bowled by TOM LaFLAMME. Other good games were bowled by AL GUENETTE 202, SAM RAIMONDO 201 & CLARENCE STUMP 201.

HORSEPLAY IS FOR HORSES!

Distracting or startling a fellow worker from the job he is doing can cause a needless accident. Practical jokes on other people who work with you may boomerang and cause serious injury.

Slapping someone on the back while working, pushing a head into the drinking fountain, tipping a bench, or goosing someone with an air hose are typical horseplay acts that have caused many serious accidents.

Plastic surgeons can do almost anything with a nose, except keep it out of other people's business.

FOR SALE: Two 8.25 x 14 Town and Country W.W. snow tires. Used one season. Low mileage. Phone 939-1091.

FOR SALE: 1957 Chevy in good condition. \$125.00 Phone 932-6368.

FOR SALE: Work car. 1953 Ford Coupe. Excellent running condition. Body good. \$100.00 or best offer. Call 697-2118.

FOR SALE: 1970 Dune Buggy, built on 1968 Volkswagen frame, 15,000 original miles. Built entirely of Impi parts, plus radio, tach, bucket seats and four speed. Ansen mags front and rear. Indy tires rear and GT Goodyear front. Call 427-6344.

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