



bradley News

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APOLOGY DEPT.

Last week was our week for cheating people. In the Service Plateaus for March we cheated LES VANDERLINDEN and RED LOCHNER out of two years seniority and CLARENCE RANTZ out of one. Sorry fellas, it was unintentional and will not affect your pensions in the least.

EMPLOYEE PURCHASES

The Roper Corporation is becoming more diversified every day with the result that many of our employees may not be aware of the many products they are able to purchase at substantial savings. Just to recap, other than products made here at Bradley, the following are some of the products that may be purchased by Bradley employees, subject to certain restrictions: Gas and Electric Ranges, Pursh Type, Self-Propelled and Riding Mowers, Luggage, Dishwashers, Lawn Buildings, Mini-bikes and Gas Grills.

Descriptive literature including price lists are available in your Personnel Department.

Congratulations to LARRY D/67 and VICKI GULLQUIST on the birth of their second child, a boy KIETH ALAN, born March 8.

and to ROY WOOD D/35 and his wife LINDA on the birth of their second child a boy, born Monday

Wanted to buy: Used Boy Scout uniform. Size 10 husky or 12 regular. Phone 468-8062 after 4:30P.M.

Anyone who has an old truck, perferable panel, that could be fixed up, and would like to contribute same to a good cause like the Explorer Scouts please call 933-7086.

At a certain golf club a handsome trophy had been put up for competition open only to members who had never before won a prize. At the presentation, the winner, a popular player, made a speech of thanks. "I think this trophy for those who've never won before is a wonderful idea, he said. "And to celebrate my victory, I want a buy drinks for everyone here who has never had a drink before."

WHOSE TIME ARE YOU WASTING?

According to a recent survey a manufacturing company spends most of the working day paying off the cost of doing business. Out of an 8 hr. day, 3 hours and 55 minutes will be used to pay for materials and supplies. Wages and salaries will take 2 hours and 19 minutes. To pay all taxes uses up another 43 minutes; for repair and replacement of facilities, 29 minutes; for research and promotion 14 minutes.

By now it is 20 minutes before the day ends. In this short time the company must earn the profits it has to make to stay in business.

Is there a moral in the above for our employees? We think so. DON BLANCHETTE tells us that on March 1, 1970 we had 1,058 employees with 3 on layoff. On March 1, 1971 we had 878 employees with 54 on layoff. Such figures plus those above make it startlingly clear that if an employee wastes 20 minutes of the work day, he has thrown away part which assures him of job security and a steady income.

Last year each employee who earned \$7800 or more paid Social Security Taxes of \$374.40 which figure was matched by the company for a total of \$748.80. Twenty years ago the tax was \$45 on the employee and the same amount on the company. This year the rate has been increased from 4.8% to 5.2% which means that on the same maximum of \$7800 the employee and company will each contribute \$405.60 for a total of \$811.20. Should the maximum be raised from \$7800 to \$9000 as seems certain each employee who makes \$9000 or more will contribute \$468 matched by anotehr \$468 from the company. Where will it all end?

Add to the Proud Papa Dept. BOB WEBBER D/15 whose son ROGER 12, played guard on the Herscher lightweight grade school basketball team that took 3rd. place in the State Tournament.

Our heartfelt sympathy to BETTY MARSHALL of Personnel on the death of her sister-in-law.
Our deepest sympathy to BILL GREENLY D/79 on the death of his mother.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

RAY FORBES, this week's honored employee, has been called by his boss, GABE KEROUAC, a dependable, conscientious worker. By our own observance we would say he has, in a nice way, a touch of the ding-a-ling, as well as evidenced by his taste in hats. RAY came to Bradley just a month short of his eighteenth birthday on January 4, 1944. He had previously worked on a farm near Exline, but this is otherwise the only place he has ever worked full time. Starting in the Foundry and then Receiving he went to Welding as a Trucker and has been welding now for over twenty years. His job title is Mig Welder.

During World War II RAY spent 21 months in the Navy, 18 of them at sea. Serving on a converted Destroyer Escort he took his shakedown cruise in the Atlantic, but all the rest of his sea duty in the Pacific, visiting such places as Eniwetok, Leyte Gulf, the Philippines and Japan.

RAY and his wife, SHIRLEY will be married 20 years in September and have five children. KATHY 17, is a Senior at Westview and JERRY 16, is a Junior. LARRY 13 is an 8th grader and STEVE 12, a 6th grader at West Upper Grade Center. KAREN 10, is in 3rd. Grade at Lafayette School.

This Old Timer loves camping and fishing and is very active in Boy Scout and Explorer Scout affairs. He was also a Cub Master for two years. The Forbes family plans to drive to California this year and camp all the way. Papa also plans an Explorer camping trip with two of his boys to Northern Wisconsin. Always interested in union affairs, he has held the office of Sentinel of Local 1212 for the past three years. When we asked him what method he would use if he ever had to eject Russ Saddler from a meeting his answer was understandably evasive.

You cannot sink someone else's end of the boat and still keep your own afloat.

TOM'S TEN PINS By TOM LaFLAMME

As the end of the bowling season draws near, most of the teams are fighting for the second place trophy. Although first place isn't secure yet it looks as though the stores team has a big enough lead to ride out the rest of the season. The stores team currently have a ten point lead and with only five weeks left in the second half it isn't likely that they will lose their entire lead.

This weeks high game was bowled by BUD MENARD with a 210. High series was 585 bowled by BOB SHOFF. Also bowling good games and series were BUD MENARD 210-559, ED BAKER 206-583, AM HACKLEY 202-557, BOB SHOFF 200-585, JERRY GLEASON 201, FRANK MCNASH 200-547 and JOHN COFFMAN 550.

CURRENT STANDINGS

TEAM	POINTS
STORES	34
SPADERS	24
DISPATCHERS	23
A.T.V'S	22
SAW'S	22
MOWERS	21½
SUBURBANS	21
BULLDOZERS	20
FURNITURE	17½
COMPACTS	15

EXCUSES

Tired of listening to excuses, one supervisor, we are told, made up the following list of alibis. He posted them in his department with the explanation "To save my time and yours, please give excuses by the number." The list covers most situations.

1. That's the way we have always done it.
2. I didn't know you were in a hurry for it.
3. That's not in my department.
4. No one told me to go ahead.
5. I'm waiting for an OK.
6. How did I know this was different?
7. That's his job, not mine.
8. Wait until the boss comes back and ask him.
9. I forgot.
10. I didn't think it was very important.
11. I'm so busy, I couldn't get around to it.
12. I thought I told you.
13. I wasn't hired to do that.