



bradley NEWS

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RETIREE

About a month ago ROLLIN CROSS, one of the real Old Pros of Roper Bradley suddenly decided to take his retirement although he could have worked another two years. Last Thursday was his last day on the job, and, though he went out very quietly, he certainly goes with the best wishes and respect of all who have known him.

ROLLIN, who has been here almost thirty-six years, says there has been no better factory to work in than this one. He noted how methods have improved here over the years especially in the field of material handling.

ROLLIN and his wife BEATRICE have no elaborate retirement plans but undoubtedly they will spend a great deal of time in the Herscher area where their son CARSON lives. Carson, a printer for the Journal, has eight children who are the apples of their grandparent's eyes. Of course, ROLLIN will also devote a lot of time to his beloved evergreens, which might even provide him with a profitable sideline.

SOFTBALL

Roper Bradley will field a team this year in the Y.M.C.A. Industrial Slow Pitch Softball League. All games will be played at Kankakee Community College on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Manager BILLIE BROWN urgently request that all employees interested in playing contact him by phone at 939-3307. The first practice will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 1 P.M. at the Alpiner Park diamond in Kankakee.

T.B. TESTS

During the recent T.B. testing program here at Roper on April 4, approximately 300 employees were given the tests. Of this group there were eleven who failed to report the findings and therefore wasted everyone's time including their own. There were twelve positive reactors, all of whom were given slips for chest X Rays.

For those employees, who for some reason missed the test, it can still be obtained by going to the Emergency Room at Riverside on the 2nd. Saturday of the month from 2 to 4 PM, or the Emergency Room at St. Marys on the 4th Saturday from 2 to 4 PM.

These tests and X Rays of course are given free by Mid Eastern Illinois TB Association, made possible by Christmas Seals.

After 15 years of weekend golf, I finally made a hole-in-one. Several golfers circled the green and applauded me loudly as I lifted the ball from the hole. What a thrill for a duffer like me! Afterward I told everyone at the clubhouse at least once how I had played the shot. Then I went home to break the great news to my wife. "What's a hole-in-one?"

I explained that instead of hitting the ball all over the fairway, I had performed the remarkable feat of striking the ball only once, and that it had gone directly into the hole 180 yards away. Her only comment was: "Then why didn't you get home a little sooner?"

-Russell W. Fike (Duncan, S.C.)

Congratulations to our own JERRY POWER on his appointment to head up the Cancer Drive for the Kankakee Federation of Labor. We are sure that, with the cooperation of all the people, JERRY will do his usual excellent job and put this worthy cause over the top.

We extend sympathy to JESSE BATES D/71 on the death of his father-in-law.

Congratulations to the Stores Team who have won both halves of the 1970-71 Bowling Season. The Team, consisting of the following bowlers: JIM CAHILL, HANK REITMEIER, CHUCK BRINKMAN, TOMMY BROWN and PAUL GIBSON, just barely won the second half last Monday night as they had to struggle in the last frame of the last game to win the one point necessary to cinch first place. Next week, roll-off and sweepstakes night, the two second place winners battle to see who wins the Second Place Trophy.

Next Friday is our Awards Banquet at the Bradley VFW. The banquet will start promptly at 6:30 so be there on time.

This weeks high game and series were bowled by PETE GERACI who had a 212-565. Also bowling above average this week were STANLEY STANKUS 211, BUD MENARD 201-201-560, TOMMY BROWN 203-552, JOHN PINNICK 556, BOB SHOFF 203-564, and TONY STANISZESKI 200-545.

TOP TEN BOWLERS

JIM CAHILL	-	178
BUD MENARD	-	177
TONY STANISZESKI	-	176
JOHN COFFMAN	-	175
BOB SHOFF	-	175
FRANK WASETIS	-	173
JIM JONES	-	171
TOM LAFLAMME	-	171
AM HACKLEY	-	170
ED BAKER	-	170



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee BEN CREMER, came to work at Bradley on April 5, 1944. At the time he was thirty-six years old and already had quite a work background including ten years as a clerk in a grocery store, and shorter employment at Florence Stove Co., Kankakee Ordnance and as driver of a bakery truck. His first department here was the Foundry where he stayed for almost nine years, transferring to the Machine Shop in 1953 where he remains today, running the automatic boring machine on the gear case line.

BEN'S first marriage ended in divorce after twenty-three years and five children and six grandchildren. He and his second wife LORETTA have been married fifteen years and he has two stepchildren, Robert Winn of Bradley and Barbara Richmond of Peotone. His four daughters and a son are pretty well scattered with CLARA JANE in Texas, DARLENE in Jonesboro, Arkansas; IRENE in Elwood, Illinois; LINDA in Evergreen Acres; and BEN JR. in Phoenix, Arizona.

This fine Old Timer has few hobbies, but keeps busy working around the house, and watching T.V. where he likes all sports programs. His thoughts are already getting focused on retirement which is only about eighteen months away.

When asked to comment on his twenty-seven years service he said that, outside of the time in the foundry, this has been the best job he has ever had and has been very enjoyable.

MIND OVER MATTER

The pious but irritable old lady was put out because her neighbors had not invited her to the picnic. On the morning of the picnic one of the neighbors called to ask her to go along.

"It's too late," she snapped. "I've already prayed for rain."

—Lucille S. Harper

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

A fourth-grade teacher received a telephone call one morning. The husky voice on the line said, "Will you please excuse Johnny from school today? He has a cold."

The teacher asked, "Who is this?"

The voice answered, "This is my father."

—Thomas LaMance



FOR SALE OR TRADE: 14 ft. plywood motor boat. Will pull skiers. Call after 4. 697-2692.

FOR SALE: 1961 Ford with four good tires. Good car for commuting to work. \$50.00. Call 937-1892.

FOR RENT: Three room apartment in West Kankakee. Air conditioned. Stove, heat and water furnished. Adults only. Phone 933-4238.