



bradley News

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RETIREE

WILLIAM JOSEPH (JIM) BRAUN, who has been counting the days for some time now, will spend his last day as a Roper Employee next Wednesday. At that time he will turn over his guard duties to **VAN DAVIS** and begin a well earned retirement. **JIM**, who was Old Timer of the Week just about four months ago plans a trip to Langley Field, Virginia to visit his daughter. Upon his return he has a lot of unfinished work around the house to do, but plans a lot of fishing and a few trips to Wrigley Field. Later in the year a visit to another daughter in Lemon Grove, California is scheduled.

We wish for **JIM** good health, long life and a happy retirement. He should always be remembered by readers of this newspaper, since he was responsible for it's name. When the newspaper was revived about five years ago **JIM** won the contest for naming it with his entry **ROPER BRADLEY NEWS**.

NO PAPER

Due to inventory and shut down there will be no issues of the Roper Bradley News published for the next four weeks. The next issue of the paper will be on Friday July 30. The staff of the Roper Bradley News wishes for all employees an enjoyable and safe vacation.

We express heartfelt sympathy to **EDWARD CIERYCA D/15** on the untimely, tragic death of his son.



Production has started on Roper Bradley's newest product, the Shredder Bagger. Shown observing one of the finished products are left to right **GENE BREEDEN**, **GEN. FOREMAN BOB WILLIAMSON** and Inspector **ED KENDZIOREK**. In line with Shredder Bagger production the following by Vice President of Production **MEL BOULE** is most informative:

With air pollution ordinances making leaf burning illegal in many areas, the need for a means of leaf and trash disposal created another product for the Roper Bradley Division.

Our good customer, Sears, has requested 40,000 Shredder Baggers to be completed this Fall along with material for an addition 10,000 units should they be needed.

The Shredder Bagger reduces leaves and trash as much as 20 to 1. The mulch resulting is good for enriching the soil. We are also making 10,000 leaf ramps as optional equipment for the Shredder Bagger.

Sears and Roper have expended considerable sums of money for equipment and tools to manufacture this product. The processing involves most all departments, utilizing the skills of many of our employees.

This is one of the most exciting programs we have encountered for quite sometime.

A high-quality competitively priced product will provide continuous employment for many of our employees. Sears has presented us with the opportunity and the challenge is up to us.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee DONALD REDENIUS is a second generation Roper Bradley employee. His dad FRANK, retired eleven years ago and is enjoying good health and, in fact, picks him up every noon at the gate for lunch together. DON came to work at Bradley just a week after his sixteenth birthday on July 18, 1944, after working a few months at Kroehlers. His first job here was in the Machine Shop, then Receiving and Assembly. For the past 15 years he has worked in Central Trucking where he is currently a Fork Lift Operator.

DON was too young to fight in World War II but just right for the Korean conflict so starting in late 1950 he spent two years in the Army with eleven months spent in Korea. A combat infantryman, he was a member of the 3rd. Battalion, 7th. Division and was a Corporal at the time of his discharge.

DON and his wife MARIE have been married almost 14 years and have two children. DENISE 12 and BRUCE 11, are both students at East Upper Grade School.

This youthful Old Timer has two main hobbies: Tinkering with automobiles, and traveling. Faithfully each year the family takes a motor trip and this year the plan calls for a trip to the Black Hills. In the past they visited such places as New York, Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky and the nations capitol. DON says he has enjoyed working at Roper and has particularly liked the people he has worked with.

RON SIELING D/34 is pretty proud these days. His Sons of the American Legion Junior Color Guard in State competition last week at Paris captured 1st. Place scoring 272 out of a possible 300 pts. Among the members are sons of employees JIM KOLWELTER D/35, NICOLAS MARTINEZ D/79 and JACK DE VALK D/70.

SOFTBALL

The Big Red and Black Machine rolls on!! Monday the Roper Bradleyans spotted General Foods on 8 run lead and came back to defeat them 14-10 sparked by homers hit by ROGER JENSEN, DALE ELAM, KEN CASTONGIA and BILLY BROWN. This was the seventh straight win for our brave lads who next Monday play Kankakee Roper in a game that should determine the Roper Championship of Illinois.

GOLF LEAGUE

Putting it all together and playing their best golf of the season LEO WILLIAMSON & WAYNE BECKWITH came very close to sewing up the 1st. Half Championship by scoring 37 points Tuesday night giving them a commanding lead of 20 points over their closest pursuer. The next four teams are as follows:

BOB CRAWFORD & PETE GERACI	241 pts.
ROSCOE COMBS & WAYNE RASMUSSEN	240 pts.
ROLLIE SCHLEMMER & ELEMER PAHNKE	229 pts.
FRED DUST & GIL BERGMAN	228 pts.

WILLIAMSON & BECKWITH had Low Team Net for the night with 64. LEE HERSCHER and BOB GIBSON tied for second with 67 along with DOUG DANKEL & GENE SEARMARK.

In individual play ERNIE PERKINS with a 32 had Low Net in Class A. DAVE WHITE & COMBS tied for second with 33. In Class B, DENNIS CHARTIER had 30 for Low Net, followed by MIKE PUFFER & FRANK WASETIS who had 32's. Birdies were scored by WHITE, WILLIAMSON (not BOB), and BECKWITH.

Position night next Tuesday marks the end of the 1st. Half. After the match play we will have a 19th hole outing at Pier 6 in Aroma Park. It starts at 6 o'clock with beer, pop, and chicken on the menu.

A REMINDER

Employees who have been off work because of being on illness allowance or workmen's compensation are reminded that they must have a written release from the doctor before they will be allowed to return to work. This has been a rule almost since time immemorial, but of late many employees have apparently forgotten it. According to DON BLANCHETTE, any employee returning to work after such absence without a written release, will not be allowed to return to work until a doctors' release is presented to the Personnel Department.

FOR SALE: Boys Schwinn Sting Ray Bike. Good condition. 932-9428.

FOR SALE: A.K.C. registered white male Poodle. 8 weeks old. Call 939-3384 after 5 P.M.

GARAGE SALE: Sat. & Sun. June 26, 27. Dishes, Clothes, Toys, Miscellaneous. 533 W. Water St. Mokenca.