



bradley News

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NEW EMPLOYEES

Let's all welcome our new Roperites:

PATTY BERGERON, TIMOTHY HOWARD, ARTHUR MENARD, RAYMOND CARTY, DAVID GRISE, LARRY HARMS, MICHAEL PAYNE, ROGER HULL, MICHAEL QUIGLEY, LINUS HANNERS, DONALD PETERS and GEORGE DRAEGER.

"WELCOME"

FOR SALE: Set of maple 30" bunk beds complete with mattresses. \$30.00. Please call 932-5883 after 5:00 p.m.

WANTED: Old or broken golf clubs. Please call 933-7155 after 4 p.m.

BLOODMOBILE

During the January visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile a total of eight Roper Bradley employees donated. We would like to salute the following "good citizens":

ROBERT CRAWFORD	D/35
ARTHUR VAN EMIGH	Ind. Eng.
JOHN GIERTZ	D/35
WILLARD POOL	D/35
LEE ROLF	D/35
MARION PRESSLEY	D/15A
PAUL SIEFERT	D/35
DONALD SNYDER	Ind. Eng.

A NEW LITTLE ARRIVAL

Congratulations to JERRY, D/79, and NORMA TIMMSEN on the birth of their newest daughter, DIANA LOUISE, born on February 6, 1972.

We extend deepest sympathy to STANLEY BUTLER, D/70, on the death of his wife.

SNOW REMOVAL

We've had some snow lately, at last, and apparently there have been some misconceptions and complaints on the condition of the parking lots. In view of that fact we feel that the company's policy on snow removal should be spelled out so all will know and there will be no further misunderstanding.

When there is a measurable amount of snow during the night our snow removal crew is called in early and they clear sidewalks, steps and critical areas. They do an excellent job.

If the amount of snow is such that getting in and out of the lots is a problem, the company has a contract with an outside contractor on a retainer basis, who clears the lots and shipping facilities of snow. However, according to a priority system we come after hospitals, doctors, utilities, etc. and the contractor is not always able to come as soon as we would like him.

A big snowstorm is a problem for everyone and we all need a little more patience than usual in such times.

SHOEMOBILE

About five years ago Roper Bradley instituted a safety shoe program by which employees were encouraged to purchase safety shoes of high quality at reasonable prices. Twice a year the shoemobile comes to the plant and employees can be fitted and purchase shoes. They can be paid for by payroll deduction and the company contributes \$4.00 toward the price of each pair. For example, if an employee chooses a pair of shoes priced at \$18.95 the tax of \$.95 would be added making the total \$19.90. The \$4.00 company contribution would make the employee price \$15.90 which could be taken out in one deduction, two payments of \$7.95 each or three deductions of \$5.30 each.

The shoemobile will be parked adjacent to the North Guardhouse from 8 a. m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Employees are reminded to check with their foreman before visiting the unit. The limit is two pairs per employee. In the interest of time employees should check the samples in the eating areas before visiting the shoemobile and have an idea in advance of what they want. Any further questions can be answered in the Personnel Office.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee, ALEXANDER MEIER, started to work at Bradley on December 23, 1946 after farming and serving as an instructor at the Glenwood Manual Training School. His first assignment was in Stores followed by service in Experimental, Warehouse, Continental Motors, Furniture and Inspection. For the past thirteen years he has remained in Inspection and is currently assigned to the Assembly area.

ALEX and his wife, MARION, have been married twenty-three years and have two daughters. KATHRYN, 20, is a sophomore at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois while KAREN, 17, will graduate from Westview High School in June. The MEIERS reside at 256 South May Avenue in Kankakee.

This quiet, gentlemanly Old Timer's principal hobby is doing odd jobs around home. He likes to travel and has done a small amount of it. His great ambition, though, is to take a trip to Switzerland, which was the homeland of his grandparents. However this project is based on the completion of his daughter's education and his continued good health. Of his twenty-five years at Roper Bradley he says he has really enjoyed the variety of people he has worked with and has learned something from each of them.

Friends of BETTY MARSHALL of Personnel Dept. will be happy to know, that she is recovering nicely from major surgery at St. Mary's Hospital. However it will probably be several weeks before she is able to return to work. In the interim, PAT BERGERON, formerly of Personnel Dept., is filling in. BETTY would appreciate and enjoy any personal messages or cards.

Patient: My wooden leg pained me terrible last night.

Nurse: Why, how could that be?

Patient: My wife hit me over the head with it.



JERRY POWER

Today marks the end of an era, with the resignation of JERRY POWER from his position as Committee Chairman of Local 1212, I.A.M. JERRY, whose union career spans over two decades, reluctantly came to this decision because of his doctor's orders.

His Bradley career started in 1937, and except for two years as office boy and timekeeper, and four years in the Marine Corps, the entire time has been spent in the Machine Shop.

JERRY spent two years as Department Steward; ten years as co-chairman with the late JACK WILKINS, KEN COTE, and DON BLANCHETTE; and ten years as Chairman with ART PEPIN, GENE SEAMARK, and NEIL FAHROW as his co-chairman.

The smiling Irishman from Chatsworth earned the respect of both his people and management by his fairness and his readiness to "call the shots as he saw them". His future plans are uncertain since it is rumored that the company has sold his machine, but we know that everyone wishes him luck. His successor will be decided in a Sunday meeting and will have a big pair of shoes to fill.



"Aren't you afraid that your self-winding watch will run down."