

bradley News

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1972

A THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON

Good Friday is called good because we see God's goodness overcoming man's badness.

We extend Easter Greetings to all our employees and hope we all have a happy, joyous holiday.



HOW TIMES CHANGE!

A copy of the May Issue of the Bradley Plantonic, the official organ of the factory in 1941 yields some very interesting information. Incidentally the editorial staff of the Plantonic contained the names of three employees who are still with Roper Bradley, namely, MAXINE BOUCHARD, JERRY POWER, and JOE GIUSTI.

Following are two stories just as they were printed in 1941. Next week we will run some other information from this paper, which was made available to us through the courtesy of SAM COFFMAN.

"CONGRATULATIONS RUTH"

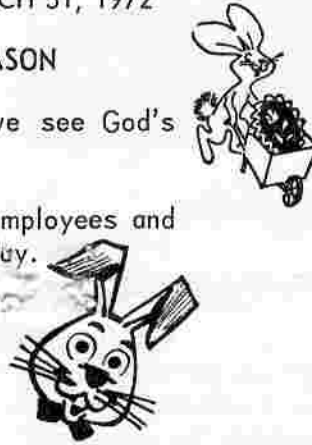
RUTH COLLINS, our cashier, celebrated the start of her fourteenth year of employment at Bradley on Thursday May 1st. That's a mighty swell record for anyone and for girls it is deserving of extra special mention. Just another year RUTH and you'll be owner of that fifteen year emblem.

Editor's Note: On May 1st of this year this same RUTH COLLINS, just as gracious as ever, will celebrate 44 years here at Bradley!

"RATE INCREASES TO SOME EMPLOYEES"

Because of increased business the management found it possible to give some increases in rates. The following changes were put into effect for factory employees effective as of April 21, 1941.

Minimum hourly rates, except for apprentices, shall be 50¢ per hour for the first twelve weeks. A regular employee will receive 52¢ per hour until he has completed six months of continuous service. After six months of



"I gave at the office."

continuous service he will receive 55¢ per hour until he has completed one year of continuous service. After one year of continuous service he will receive 58¢ per hour until he has completed two years of continuous service. On completion of two years of continuous service he will receive 60¢ per hour. After five years of continuous service he will receive 63¢ per hour. Experimental work on dies and manufacturing equipment, special set-ups, return goods and re-work jobs and extra or repair parts shall be paid for at the rate of 70¢ per hour except when piece work prices are established on this work.

A new schedule of rates was drawn up for apprentices and an adjustment for machinists and tool and die makers. The minimum average of 70¢ per hour for piece work rates was increased to 72½¢ per hour.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Let's all extend a hearty WELCOME to the following new employees: MR. KENNETH SIETZ has joined our Sales Dept. and in the plant we have RON PELLETIER, CARL EDWARDS, ANDY DANTZLER, MICHIAL DAILEY, LARRY WILSON, MIKE GRAVELINE, JOHN TUTEWILER, WILLIAM BESSETTE, and TIMO'CONNOR.

We extend sincere sympathy to PAUL HAMILTON, D/15A, and MERLE NOE, D/74, on the death of their father-in-law.

Our sympathy is also extended to LEO WILLIAMSON, D/97, and BOB WILLIAMSON, D/35, on the death of their brother. And also RAY DENOYER, D/25, and EVERETT REED, D/10, who are brother-in-laws.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

The employee we honor this week, and a good one he is, is JOSEPH FRANK USIEWICZ, much better known as "GUS" whose official starting date at Bradley was October 27, 1947. Before coming here he worked nine years at Kroehlers and briefly for Studebaker in South Bend, and was actually at Bradley when he entered the service, but did not return immediately, going for a while to A.O. Smith first. His service has been in Assembly, Maintenance and Receiving before going to Welding where he presently is a spot welder and estimates he has made every hood for every tractor made at Bradley, a total of over 400,000.

During World War II GUS spent three years in the Army Air Force with most of his time spent in the European Theater in England, France and Germany. He was discharged a corporal.

GUS and his wife, ANNA, have been married "over a third of a century" and are very proud of their two children, both of whom are college graduates and doing well. JOE JR., a graduate of the U. of Illinois is an engineer for Litton Industries in California. SUSAN, recently graduated from Northern Illinois U., is a technologist at Rockford Memorial Hospital. There are two grandchildren.

This fine Old Timer, whose bark is a lot worse than his bite, has one consuming hobby--fishing. Acknowledged to be a master at fishing the Kankakee River, he has also fished most of the waters of the United States in every direction. Very gifted in drawing and sketching he is a member of the Plant Fire Brigade and is very interested in ecology and pollution.

COMMENTS AND COMEDY

Involvement is a key word that unlocks many doors.

Life is what you make it until somebody else makes it worse.

SAFETY INFORMATION

A recent addition to the Health and Safety Act of the Department of Labor, State of Illinois is called the "Head and Hair Protection Rule".

In view of the fact that several of our employees have adopted the new long hair styles we feel the following excerpts from the new rule should be printed in the Roper Bradley News.

Rule 1. These rules and regulations shall apply to all operations where persons are required to be present in areas where there is risk of injury from hair entanglement.

Section II: Responsibilities.

- a. Employer-Whenever employees are required to be present in areas where the potential hazards mentioned in Rule 1 are present, employers shall provide them with suitable protective hair enclosures.
- b. Employee-Employees shall not alter any hair protective equipment and shall use such equipment in accordance with instructions and training received.

Section V: Hair Enclosures.

A hat, cap or net shall be worn where there is danger of hair entanglement in moving machinery or equipment, or where there is exposure to means of ignition. It shall be designed to enclose all loose hair and be adjustable to accommodate all head sizes.

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