

# bradley NEWS

Friday, August 3, 1973



## RETIREE

Last week there were three RANTZ brothers working at Roper Bradley. Suddenly there is only one. As was noted in last week's issue, CLARENCE reached the retirement age early this week. Now ELMER, who has been on illness leave since the end of April, has decided to take a disability retirement although only 60. This leaves only brother HOWARD still with us.

ELMER had the distinction of being the only man in the plant who was hired in 1940. When he went to the Carpenter Shop eight years ago he says it was the best move he ever made. He plans to continue his interest in motorcycling in a not so active way and also do a little traveling, but mostly just loafing. He and his wife Bernice still have one boy Donald at home. Best of luck, ELMER.

## FAMILY PICNIC By Don Blanchette

The time for the annual "Family Picnic" is rapidly approaching. The date as you know is Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Fairgrounds. The time is 12 noon until 5 p.m.

The committee chairmen have been named and are actively at work. Many of you will be asked to help on the various committees. If everyone helps a little no one has to do alot. Please cooperate by helping and whatever activity you are assigned to, please make sure you are there at the time specified, so that everything will run on schedule.

It is very important that you return the white cards given to you, to your timekeeper. This enables us to plan for prizes, food, games, etc. If your white card is not returned, we will assume you do not plan to attend and no tickets or programs will be mailed to your home.

Following is a list of Chairmen and their assignments. Your cooperation with them will be greatly appreciated.

- GENERAL CHAIRMAN-----DON BLANCHETTE
- CHAIRMAN OF GROUNDS-----Don Mathis, JoAnn Humphrey
- CHAIRMAN OF PARKING,  
SAFETY AND FIRST AID-----Pete Laffey, Jesse Bates
- CHAIRMAN OF ADULT AND-----Ed Baker, Bob Zucker  
CHILDREN GAMES
- CHAIRMAN OF PRIZES-----Paul Benoit
- CHAIRMAN OF REGISTRATION-----Donna Kiedaisch
- CHAIRMAN OF BEVERAGES-----"Kingfish" Cieryca
- CHAIRMAN OF FOOD-----Sheryl Nordmeyer
- CHAIRMAN OF PUBLICITY-----Don Jenkins  
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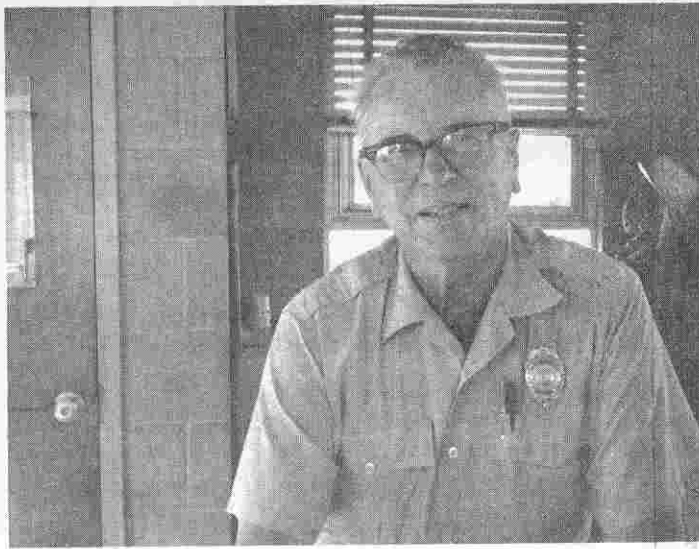
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## ATTENTION BOWLERS By Harold Siefert

Bowling season starts August 27, 1973. Bowling is Monday at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who wishes to bowl please contact the secretary, Harold Siefert in the next couple of weeks. We will welcome new bowlers as well as old. You may also contact Bob Crawford of D/35. Don't delay to avoid missing out. Teams will be made up in about two weeks.

**FOR SALE:** Two tires and rims. Size 7:75 x 14. \$20. for both. Call 697-2548 (Chebanse) anytime.



### OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week we honor (for the second time) the dean of the guard force FRANK WASETIS whose service at Bradley dates back to December 1, 1931. At that time FRANK, who was only sixteen and in his senior year at Bradley High School started in the Forge Shop at the princely wage of 25¢ per hour. He later transferred to the Tin Shop where he remained until joining the guard force in 1962. Like many other Old Timers this has been the only place he has ever worked.

FRANK and his wife Dorothy have been married thirty-one years and have two children neither of which are married. Daughter Cheryl works for a firm in Elmhurst, Illinois and lives in Hillside. Son Alan, who recently completed his military service, lives at home and is studying electronics at Kankakee Community College. The WASETIS family lives on an acre and a half just outside the Bourbonnais city limits.

This conscientious Old Timer likes to play golf, bowl and pitch horseshoes. For many years he has participated in the Roper golf and bowling leagues but a recent switch to the second shift means he must give up these activities. He also keeps busy around his home. At one time FRANK had a brother Vic and a sister Adeline working here but they have both long since left and now live in California. He says he has enjoyed working here and should he stay until 65, we figure he would beat EARL MILLERS record of service by almost two years as he would have forty nine years of service.

### BIRTH

Congratulations to STANLEY D/70 and DORIS BUTLER on the birth of their first child, a boy BRETT THOMAS born July 26. MRS. BUTLER is on leave from D/35.

We extend sincere sympathy to BON BURNLEY D/25 on the death of his wife.

And to ARNOLD CREMER D/25 on the death of his wife.

### SERVICE PLATEAUS FOR AUGUST

John O'Flaherty	40 yrs. Div. Supt. D/70F	8-15-33 8-16-33
Bennett Hess	36 yrs. D/34	8-09-37
Harold Karlstrom	34 yrs. V. P. Purchasing D/15	8-08-39 8-10-39
Earl Coy		
Emme Owen	31 yrs. Timekeeping	8-04-42
Fritz Jeck	30 yrs. D/70F	8-25-43
Harold Sommer	D/79	8-25-43
Charles Witt	25 yrs. D/70F	8-02-48
Gene Sprimont	Engineering	8-26-48
Betty Marshall	20 yrs. Personnel	8-31-53
Floyd Brown	10 yrs. D/71	8-19-63

### THEY CALL IT GOLF By Don Snyder

After three weeks of the second half of the Roper Golf League, four teams have jumped out to a commanding lead:

- E. Massey-G. Bergman---104 points
- E. Woodrum-W. Dupius---101 points
- S. Serve-G. Seamark---100 points
- R. Schlemmer-G. LaRoche---100 points

Mike Puffer had the best round of the day with a net 31 after shooting a 10 on the first hole. Mike's score included four pars and a bird. Bob Mullvihill had a gross 40 which included 6 pars and Tom Brown had the same score with 5 pars and a bird. Other birds were shot by J. Grimes, D. Shell, L. Herscher, and D. Jenkins.

W. Nelson and P. McKeever teamed up for total low net with a 71. Low individual net scores were D. Snyder--34. E. Woodrum, E. Massey, T. Brown, W. Bishop and A. Pepin--37.

E. Weishe was "awarded" a dozen floating balls for hitting six balls into the lake which is a new record for the year. J. Grimes would make a good detective, after his swing on the 14th tee no one could see the ball. But John found it. It was still on the tee.

**THOSE WHO SAY  
MONEY'S NOT ALL  
WAIT UNTIL THEY'VE  
MADE THEIR HAUL.**

MARK TWAIN saw it clearly when he said the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector is the taxidermist takes only your skin.