



# bradley News

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## HIGH LEVEL ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE



**RICHARD SEAGRAVE**



**HARRY GRUMISH**

Over a month ago Roper Board Chairman C.M. Hoover announced substantial organizational changes throughout the entire Roper Corporation to take effect January 1, 1974. That date has now come and gone, the changes have been made, and the purpose of this story is to acquaint the people at the Bradley location with the changes as they apply to us.

First, we have a new name. As of January 1 we are now the Roper Outdoor Power Company. For the first time in our seventy years the name Bradley is not officially a part of our title, but it is still our address and will continue to be for what we hope will be at least seventy more years.

Second, we have lost a President, Mr. Grumish, who has been at Bradley for 34 years, has moved his base of operations about two miles to the Corporate offices in Kankakee and has received a well deserved promotion. Harry is now the President of the Roper Power Group which includes not only our plants in Williamsburg, Ky. and Nogales, Mexico, but also what used to be the Newark Division and its Plants now known as the Roper Lawn Products Company. We are sure that all employees here are happy for Harry's good fortune and wish him the very best of luck in his new position.

Third, we have a new president in the familiar offices in the south east corner of the main office. Richard A. Seagrave is fairly new to the Roper Corporation and completely new to the Bradley location but a look at his background and experience indicates he is eminently qualified and able to handle his new responsibilities successfully.

A graduate of Worcester (Mass.) Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering, Dick played Varsity football, basketball and baseball, was Class President and a member of "Skull" Honorary Society. He has since continued his education at Michigan State U. in Business Administration, American Management Assn. and Lake Michigan College where he instructed in the school of business.

Mr. Seagrave's business career began at Remington Arms Co. Bridgeport, Conn. where for nine years he held various positions in manufacturing and sales, moving in 1957 to the Whirlpool Corp. where he was manufacturing manager at three of the companies' locations, Evansville, Ind., Chicago and Benton Harbor, Michigan. From 1967 to 1971 he was with FMC Corp. as General Manager and Allis Chalmers Co. as Vice-President and General Manager. In 1971 he came to the Roper Corporation as Vice-President of Manufacturing Services on the Corporate Level.

Mr. and Mrs. Seagrave, who were married in 1948, have six children: two boys 23 and 18, and four girls 22, 17, 13 and 10. Wherever he has been, our new President has been active in community affairs and is an avid hunter and golfer, has his own home shop, and is a music lover. We wish him the best of luck and trust our association will be mutually profitable.

### BIRTHS

Congratulations to:  
TRAVIS D/25 and Patricia LEDBETTER on the birth of their second child a girl Teri Lynn born New Years Day.

ELBURN D/35 and Helen CARPENTER on the birth of their second child, a boy Robert John born Christmas Eve.

### WEDDING

Best wishes to GREG LE CLAIR D/25 and Joy Carlson who were married December 29.

### SHOEMOBILE

On Monday, January 21 the Safety Shoemobile will pay a one day visit to the Plant giving employees an opportunity to purchase quality shoes at substantial savings. The company will contribute \$4.00 toward each pair, and purchases can be paid through payroll deduction. Another story on the shoemobile will follow in next week's issue.



**OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK**

It was back in September, 1967 that we were called in and told (not asked) to take over the writing of the Roper Bradley News, because the then Editor John Grimes had so many big projects going he had to give it up. We were naturally fearful never having written a newspaper story in our life and, in addition, the first OLD TIMER we had to interview was that crusty OSCAR HANSEN. It didn't take us long to realize that OSCAR'S crusty exterior was only skin deep and underneath was a terrific human being. We had a great interview, the story was, in our opinion pretty good for beginners, and we've been an OSCAR HANSEN fan ever since. And now we have come full circle and it's OSCAR'S turn again.

On January 28, 1936, OSCAR was hired by JACK WHEELER between Bradley and Kankakee in JACK'S car (OSCAR was hitchhiking) and started in the Grinding Room but switched to Assembly within the year and moved to Maintenance in 1942. Since 1945 he has been Foreman of that department and, at one time, supervised the plumbers, boiler room, plant guards, carpenters, painters, masons and fire dept. but recently has been relieved of some of these responsibilities.

OSCAR and his wife June are parents of nine children, have 34 grandchildren and 2 greatgrandchildren.

This great OLD TIMER'S hobbies as listed six years ago were gardening, hunting, fishing and complaining. None of this has changed. In addition he is still very interested in the and active in the affairs of the Cheshan Fire Protection District.

The second half of bowling got under way after a two week rest, and it must have agreed with a couple of the boys because they decided to for-go the second half. Sorry to lose them. For the rest its go-go-go and hope for the best. The STORES team was two weeks too late with their big 2958 series and a four point sweep, because it would have won the first half for them. However, it was the high series for the nite, and it was at the expense of the WELDERS. MACH SHOP also took four from ASSEMBLY, FORGERS took four from SUBURBANS, TRUCKERS took three from OFFICE and TOOL ROOM and CUTTING-IN split two and two.

Probably one of our more consistant bowlers every week is BOB CRAWFORD and he did it again this week with his 552 which was high series tonite and GALE ALBERS with high game of 225. DON BLANCHETTE was right behind with 224.

Other good games and series were WILL ESSINGTON 523, HANK REITMEYER 543, BUD MENARD 530, GABE KEROUAC 516, AMBROSE HACKLEY 201-546, DON BLANCHETTE 224, BOB SHOFF 202-527, AL GUENETTE 203-519, GALE ALBERS 225-541, DON CHRISTER 209, and BOB CRAWFORD 215-552. The Super Spare (split) makers were DON CHRISTER 5-7 GALE ALBERS 5-10 and 6-7-10, LOU CONOVER 4-7-9, FRANCIS CAISE 3-7-10, MYRON TAMBLING 6-7 and 3-6-7-10, MIKE IRVIN 5-10, and RAY FORBES 6-7-10.

It has been said that death takes no holiday and as a result this holiday season was a sad one for many Bradleyans. We extend sincere sympathy to the following:

- The family of the late JAMES MATHIS, retiree.
- PETE JOHNSON D/25B on the death of his sister.
- FRANK CALDWELL D/15 on the death of his mother.
- GEORGE LA ROCHE, Purchasing on the death of his brother.
- GALE ALBERS D/15 on the death of his mother.

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