

bradley News

Friday, May 31, 1974



RETIREE

Retiring on June 28 after 31 years of service at age 64 is LEON KOHAN. But first he is leaving for a three week vacation in Hawaii on June 1. LEON for the past year has been a painter in the Maintenance Department and before that spent several years in Quality Audit, but the greater part of his service was spent in Furniture. Enjoying good health, he plans no more working, but will have plenty to do around the home at 566 So. Alma in Kankakee. He has always liked Florida and plans to do a lot of fishing both there and around here. All of his friends here wish him the very best.

BLOOD DONORS

RON HIRT, D/70, and DOUGLAS MCGEE, D/94, donated blood earlier this month.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Retiree RENE SUPRENANT announces a garage sale at 922 W. Broadway every day next week.

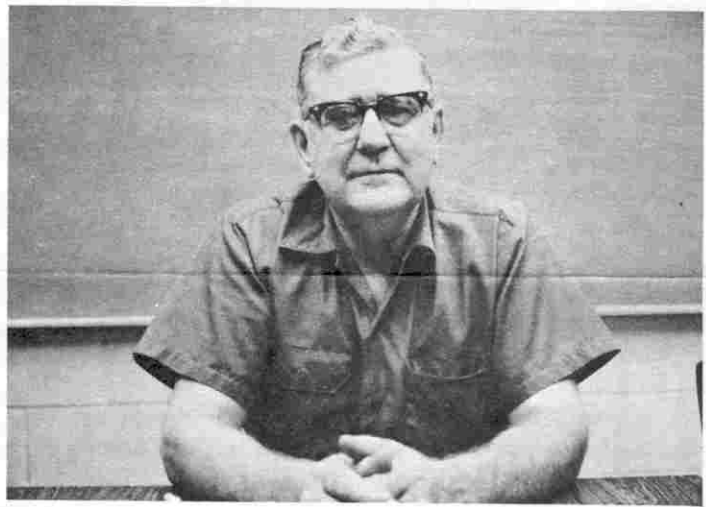
WEDDING

Congratulations to DALE COURVILLE, D/35, and JANICE MCGOWEN who were married May 24th.

BIRTH

Congratulations to LARRY, D/35, and BARBARA HAMMOND on the birth of their 2nd child, a girl, born May 13th.

WANTED TO BUY: Used gas or electric stove in good condition. Call 932-4549 after 5 P.M.



RETIREE

June 7 will be the last day on the job for DALE GRAF of the Tool Room who is retiring at age 60 with almost 22½ years of service. After 38 years of working in factories, DALE says he is just tired and wants to enjoy life. He has already sold his tools, and while he admits he may get bored with retirement, whatever he might decide to do later will not be factory work. For the present, he plans lots of golf, travel, fishing and yard work at the GRAF home at 516 So. Curtis Ave. in Kankakee.

CLOSE CALL

Since the advent of OSHA the company has gone to great expense to install safety guarding equipment on the presses in D/15. There has been in some cases great resistance on the part of the operators to this new equipment. Last week an episode occurred that has given some of the grippers a new slant on the situation. AL PONIKVAR of the Tool & Die was adjusting the king pin die on Press #138. This press is equipped with a plexiglass air guard that automatically lowers when the machine is tripped. If anything is in the path of the guard the machine will not trip. AL was having a little trouble and decided to check his work by running one piece on the press. The press repeated and the king pin was dislodged and came at him like a small artillery shell. However the guard stopped it although the force of the impact was so great that the plexiglass was broken. AL figures he was mighty lucky.

FOR SALE: 1971 Plymouth Duster, 5000 miles on rebuilt engine. V8 stick. Call 932-3482.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week we honor that great "young" Old Timer HERMAN STEWARD who, while only 52, has put in almost 37 years of service having started at Bradley on June 11, 1937. At that time he was only sixteen and this is the only place he has ever worked. His first job was in Receiving, but shortly thereafter he transferred to the Steel Yard, where he has been ever since and is currently classified as Crane Operator Leadman.

During World War II, HERMAN spent two and a half years in the Army Air Force with sixteen months in the European Theatre. Most of his service time was in the Military Police.

HERMAN and his wife HELEN have been married 22 years and have 3 children. The eldest LAURA HAREMSKI lives in Kankakee and has two daughters. LOUISE attends Herscher High School and LOUIS is at Limestone Grade School.

This Old Timer likes fishing, puttering around the house and beer, but not necessarily in that order. Always active in the affairs of the American Veterans of World War II, he has held all offices in the organization and is currently a member of the Veterans Council of Kankakee.

(Newspaper headline) FALL OF BRIDGE LAID TO A BREAK IN CHAIN

One small link in a
Chain, that's all -
One small link let a
Whole bridge fall.
Think your work in the
World is small?
Do your part lest the
Whole bridge fall.

- Carol Cruikshank

FAIR COUNT

A wag asked his friend, "How many knaves do you suppose live on this street besides yourself?"
"Besides myself!" replied the other. "Do you mean to insult me?"
"Well, then," said the first, "how many do you reckon including yourself?"

HAIL CAVALIERS

We're sorry they didn't make it all the way, but congratulations are certainly due the Kankakee Community College baseball team who made it to the finals of the National Junior College tournament at Grand Junction, Colorado, last weekend before being eliminated. They were one of only eight teams remaining in the competition. Roper Outdoor Products really contributed to the makeup of the team as witness the following:

One of the team members JULIUS MEYER JR., works in D/25, and is the son of JULIUS SR. of D/15.

Other sons of employees and former employees themselves were BRYANT FAHROW, son of NEIL, D/10, DAN MERTEN, son of BUCK, D/93, and brother of TOM, D/70, JOE ARBOUR JR., son of JOE, D/35, and JIM ALLIE, nephew of JERRY ALLIE of Service. DAVE LAMBERT was also a former employee.

PRODUCT SAFETY

Much has been said of safety in these columns and, Lord knows, it needs to be said, but there is another kind of safety called Product Safety which in a monetary way can be just as important. Just a slight error in the assembly of a tractor, saw, tiller or shredder bagger could result in a faulty product that could cause an injury to the customer and result in a costly lawsuit involving the company. Therefore it is essential that all employees "do it right the first time". Customer liability can be a serious thing and really cut into the profits from which we are all paid.

Sympathies To:

GUY DAVIS, D/25, on the death of his father-in-law.
CLARENCE 'BUD' HUFF, D/15, on the death of his sister.
MICHAEL GULCZYNSKI, D/66, on the death of his brother.

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