

ROPER



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GOLF LEAGUE

With only one week to go it appears that the 2nd half race has become a two team affair although the 3rd and 4th place teams still have an outside chance. The contending teams are as follows:

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| 1. Vern Krabbe & Gus LaRoche | 290 pts. |
| 2. Lee Herscher & Gene Seamark | 274 pts. |
| 3. Mickey Boudreau & Jim Legacy | 266 pts. |
| 4. Earl Massey & Thurston Jones | 263 pts. |

Massey and Jones have Low Team Net for the evening with a 67. Krabbe and LaRoche had 68, while 3rd with 69 went to Fred Dust and Chuck LaBelle.

In Class A individual Low Net went to Pat McKeever with 31. Lee Herscher had 34, and Joe Dominick and Doug Dankel 35. In Class B, Orrin Kinney had 28 while second place was a four way tie at 35 involving Wilford Lewis, Larry Power, Frank McNash Jr. and Rol Maddin. Earl Massey had Low Gross with a 38.

Birds were scored by Massey, LaRoche, McKeever, (2) Dust, Tommy Brown and Rollie Schlemmer.

Last minute flash! We have just learned, as we go to press, that the 2nd half champions are Vern Krabbe and Gus LaRoche who last night finished with 311 points to 303 for Lee Herscher and Gene Seamark. Krabbe and LaRoche will now play Don Snyder and Bill Hartley, the 1st half champs, for the league title. The title match will be Saturday at Dwight Country Club.

BIRTHS

Congratulations goes to RONALD and Joyce ANDERSON D/15A on their first child, a boy, Troy William born 8-20-74.

Also to DAVID D/10 and Beth MEENTS on the birth of their second child, a boy, William D. born 9-10-74.

Also to DOUG D/94 and Karen MCGEE on the birth of their second child, a girl, Cynthia Nichole born 9-13-74.

Engineer: "I'll have to have a raise, sir.

There are three other companies after me."

Boss: "That so? What companies?"

Engineer: "Light, phone and water."

500,000 TRACTOR

by Chuck Cassidy

Roper Outdoor Products celebrated a memorable date in its long history on Monday Sept. 16, 1974. The 500,000th tractor rolled off the assembly line at 11:30 A.M.

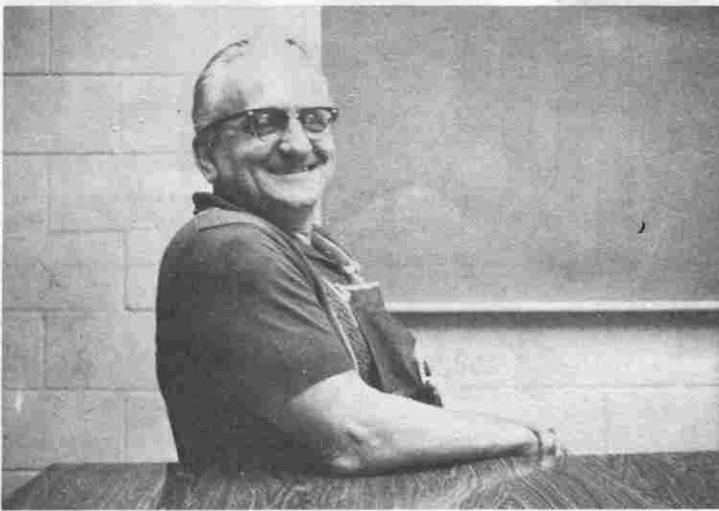
Roper began producing garden tractors in 1958 and it was not until 1969 that the 250,000th tractor was produced. It was only 5 short years later however that the 500,000th tractor was produced. The day began with a ceremony at the end of Line #1 when the brilliant colored white, gold, and chrome unit was unveiled by JIM MALLANEY, Vice President of Sales. At that point the camera's began to flash and two short speeches were given over the plant P.A. system, one by our president MR. SEAGRAVE and the other by our tractor buyer from Sears MR. LEIGH RAWSON.

A luncheon followed at Sully's where MR. SEAGRAVE gave a brief history of Roper and then expressed how proud Roper was of their long association with Sears. The phrase "Partners in Progress" is much more than a mere slogan, it is a way of doing business and if you step back and look at both companies it is a very successful way of doing business. MR. RAWSON also spoke to the crowd and talked of his 10 year association with Roper. Both men however came away with the same theme. The success of the "Partners in Progress" way of doing business is the people involved. It is for that reason that every person at Roper who takes pride in his or her work should be very proud of what took place on Sept. 16th and that through their efforts will continue to happen down through the years.

FOR SALE: Remodeled our kitchen and have the following bargains. Double cast iron sink with ring. Gas cook top unit. Gas wall oven. Circular 2 light ceiling light, florescent. Counter tops. Black and white console TV 24". Bradley charcoal grill. Phone 933-5302 after 4 P.M.

FOR SALE: 1970 Honda 350-5000 miles-custom paint-headers with tuned exhaust. \$500.00 Firm. Call 932-9211.

Did you hear about the dealer who had a waterproof, shockproof, unbreakable, anti-magnetic watch? He lost it.



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week's honored employee is AL PONIKVAR who has been one of the "Old Pros" of the Tool Room for over twenty five years. AL started here at Bradley on June 8, 1939 in the Tin Shop. Later he worked on Stokers and farm implements, was in the Forge Shop, Grinding Room and Inspection. He has been in the Tool Room since 1947, first as an apprentice and then as a Tool and Die Maker.

During World War II AL had an unusual experience: Being a member of the National Guard he went into service well before Pearl Harbor but was turned down for physical reasons. This did not prevent him from being drafted early in '42 and spending four years in the Army most of which was spent in the Pacific from New Guinea to the Phillipines.

AL and his wife Janet have been married 28 years and have no children. They love to travel and do a little fishing. They must be the travelingest family around as they have visited all of the fifty states except Alaska. Two years ago they toured Europe along with the Frank Pezdirtz family and visited the Province of Slovenia (where the Ponikvars came from) in Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Germany and Austria. Just this summer they returned on their own to Germany and Yugoslavia. Next year? Who knows, maybe the moon.



"She can talk batting averages."

IT HAPPENS ON MONDAYS

"Bowling That Is"

by Harold Siefert

The pins were really flying tonight at old Gala Lanes and the guy who made most of them fly was GALE ALBERS. GALE started off with a 182 followed with 234 and 175. Also we should mention "old" pro WILLARD ESSINGTON who came up with a big 229 game tonight:

As an added incentive for the boys next week Sept. 23rd, Gala Lanes has agreed to give a new bowling ball away to the bowler who has high series with handicap. It was agreed months ago that it would be on the 4th night of bowling and only for bowlers who had bowled (9) games and established their average: We will not deviate from this for any reason. Good luck!

By virtue of GALE ALBERS big series his team dispatched the "Dispatchers" and took all four points from them, "Maint." took three from "Stores", the "Office" did the same to the "Suburbans", the "Forgers" also took three from the "Truckers", and the "Tool Room" not wanting to be different also took three from "Assembly".

Other good games and series were rolled by BOB CRAWFORD 200-512, ERNIE PERKINS 513, WILLIE LEWIS 209-510, WILL ESSINGTON 229-546, STAN BUTLER 218-512, DON CHRISTER 209-510, RON HIRT 531, and GALE ALBERS 234-591. TERRY ARSENEAU converted the 6-10 split, HANK REITMEIER the 4-10 and ERNIE PERKINS took care of the 9-10 twice.

CONGRATULATIONS

We were extremely happy to hear that our own TOMMY BROWN of Dept. 35 is the new Class A Golf Champion of Kankakee County. TOMMY, playing in last weekend's event at South Shore shot a sparkling 75 to top the field. Nice going, TOM.

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