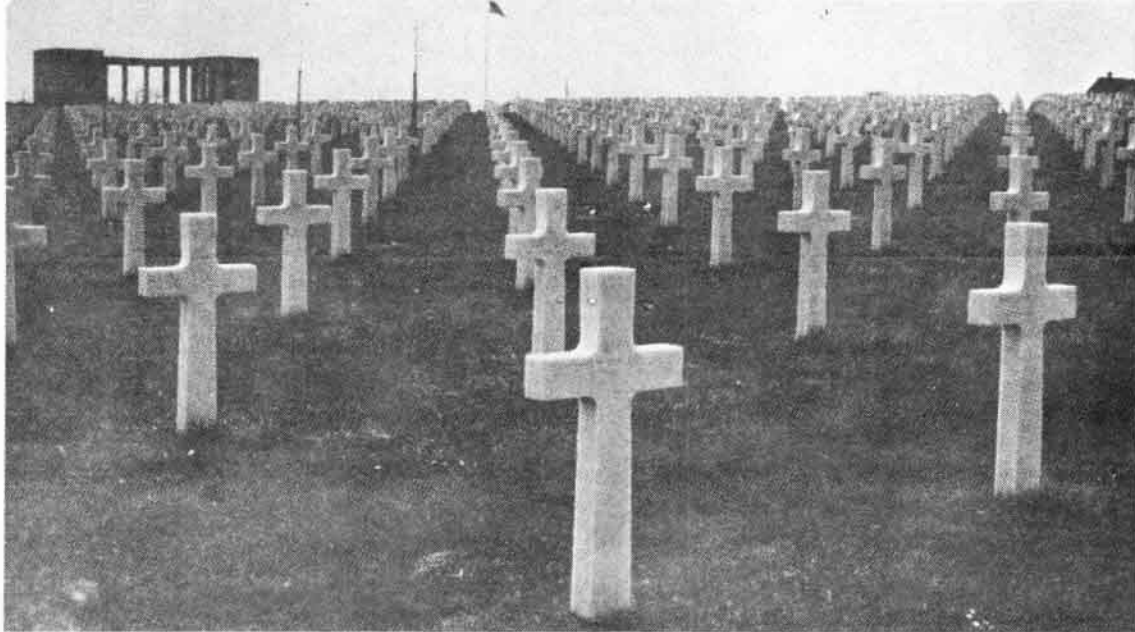


Friday, May 30, 1975



SILENT REMINDERS — MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30

With humility, respect, admiration, and a deep sense of indebtedness, this issue of the ROPER/ BRADLEY NEWS is dedicated to our Armed Forces, past, present, and future.

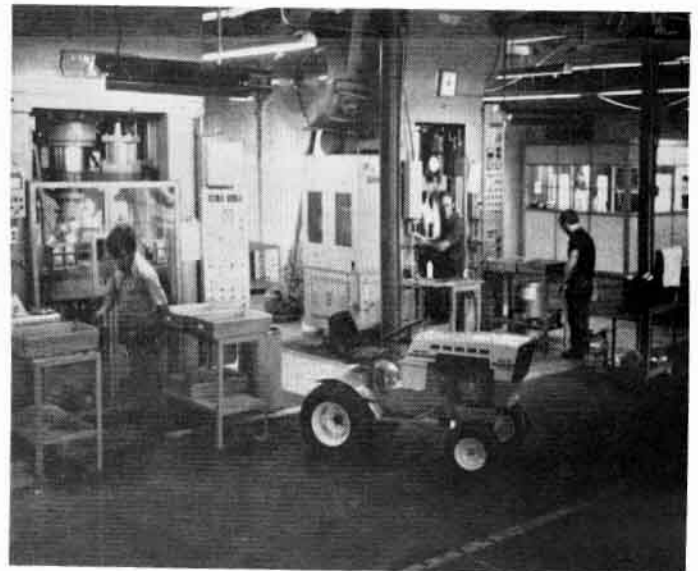
1ST. OF ITS KIND

On the surface of things the tractor shown in the picture looks no different than any one of hundreds that have come off our production lines. Not so!!! This tractor is unique -- the first one produced here with a powder metal transmission.

The powder metal gear story at Bradley is an interesting one and dates back to early 1972 when the decision was made to investigate its possibilities.

In May of '72 JOE DRESS, who had considerable experience in the Powder Metal field, was hired and put in charge of the project. Two presses, a sintering furnace and miscellaneous equipment were purchased at a cost, including tooling, well in excess of \$800,000. JOE has assembled a staff of three including CHARLEY BRINKMAN, Tool Man, JOHN RAIMONDO and WALT DUPUIS, Operators and now, after 25,000 hours of testing the project is in operation.

According to JOE the Powder Metal Process will effect substantial savings, not only in tractor parts, but in chain saw and tiller parts as well. It could also provide unlimited possibilities for new business.





OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week we honor ARDELL HANNOVER of Purchasing who started his Bradley career on April 21, 1941 at 20 years of age. His first assignment was in Steel Stores for just a few weeks before moving to the Blacksmith Shop where he helped to make Ford-Ferguson mower parts and work on the plowshare line. In 1952 he went to Material Control as an office employee and in 1960 went into Purchasing being promoted to exempt status four years later. At present he is Buyer for Roto-Spaders and Tractor Attachments.

ARDELL, who is known to his friends as "HANDY", spent almost four years in the army during World War II. An artilleryman, he was part of an anti-aircraft and later a ground support unit. Overseas for three years, he took part in three major campaigns: Sicily, Italy and France. When the war ended he was at Berchtesgaden, Hitler's scenic retreat in the Bavarian Alps, and had attained the rank of Corporal.

HANDY and his wife Grace have been married twenty-seven years and have not been blessed with children. MRS. HANNOVER is the sister of that fine retiree HANK REITMEIER.

This Old Timer lives year round at Bayles Lake near Loda. For years the HANNOVERS have owned a home there but moved from Kankakee permanently about a year and a half ago. He now commutes every day with LES PUFFER. He keeps busy in his leisure hours with swimming, fishing, hunting, motorboating and sailing, having just purchased a new sailboat. He also has been helping with projects for the Kankakee Training Center.

BLOOD PROGRAM

On Thursday May 22 only two of our employees were successful blood donors, but two more made the effort and were temporarily rejected. The successful donors were: DON MATHIS D/25 and RON SEILING D/34. The two T.R.'s were ROGER VOIGT D/35 and BARBARA PHILIPS D/35.

GOLF LEAGUE

The weatherman continues to cooperate with the Roper Outdoor Products golfers and dame fortune is smiling on the team of BOB MULVIHILL and ELMER PAHNKE who, this week scored 38 points and jumped to a commanding 10 pt. lead over the field. This must be embarrassing to BOB since the teams big push has happened during his absence, DOUG DANKEL filling in for him this week.

The leaders are as follows:

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| 1. BOB MULVIHILL & ELMER PAHNKE | 194 pts. |
| 2. LEE HERSCHER & WALT BISHOP | 184 pts. |
| 3. PAT MCKEEVER & BILL WOODS | 175 pts. |
| 4. MEL BOULE & MYRON MOODY | 165 pts. |
| 5. FRANK MCNASH & GENE SEAMARK | 165 pts. |

Low Team Net this week was won by HERSCHER & BISHOP with 78 strokes. Four teams tied at 79. They were the teams of JAY KEROUAC & ART PEPIN, GUS LAROCHE & ROL MADDIN, BOB HILGERT & OLIVER MILLER, and BOULE & MOODY.

In Class A BOB PATTERSON and BOB HILGERT tied for individual Low Net with 37 while MCNASH, DANKEL and RON TANNER had 39. MADDIN led Class B with 38 while SEAMARK and MILLER had 40. KEROUAC'S 40 was Low Gross in Class A while MADDINS gross score of 51 led Class B.

Birdies were scored by KEROUAC, HERSCHER and HILGERT.

BIRTH

We congratulate STANLEY BUTLER D/70 and his wife DORIS D/35 on the birth of their second child, a boy BRUCE ALLEN, born May 23.

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