



# bradley News

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## Listen Americans!

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### WHY JOHNNY CAN'T READ

The fact that Johnny can't read has now been established. He can't write either. Nor can he make proper change, even though he can tell you what the philosophy behind our system of mathematics is and why it has been based on the number 10.

The results of the College Entrance Examinations for 1975 have been released by that Board and they are terrifying. The one-third of all high school graduates in America who took those examinations scored lower than any year since 1963. In fact, 44 points lower than 1963. For the 12th straight year, the average scores went down year after year. This year, the average scores in the verbal skills, (reading, spelling, writing, understanding or comprehension of what was read or heard) were 10 points lower than last year. In the math test, the drop from last year's average score was eight points.

A few years ago, a graduate of a high school in California sued the State education system and his local school for a million dollars because he had a high school diploma but could not read or write. For years, industry leaders have been reporting that high school and college applicants for jobs were not able to fill out a simple application form without many misspelled words and evident lack of comprehension of simple questions. There have been many excuses offered by educators, but no plan to correct the problem.

#### Excuses Now Being Offered

When the hard facts of the 1975 College Entrance Examination Board's report became public knowledge, millions of hard-working and sincere teachers throughout the American public school system expressed to each other their hope that now something would be done. Thus far, (and at this writing only a couple of weeks have passed since the report was made public) no one has offered a plan of action to correct the obviously disastrous current course of American education. Excuses have been offered, ranging from the impact of television on education to the addition of novelty courses in substitution for the traditional courses in reading, writing, and arithmetic.

#### What Really Happened?

What really happened, in the opinion of many, is that the dedication of many educators began changing about 12 years ago, at the time the first of the massive Federal Aid to Education Bills passed Congress. At that same time, many of the secondary schools of America began using some of the many UNESCO text-books. Even as staunch a supporter of UNESCO as Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is reported to have said that the Soviet Union would not use those texts because "They are training their students to rule the world, not just to be citizens of it."

In 1963 the first massive Federal Aid to Education Bill passed Congress in the modest dollar amount of \$1.2 billion. It augmented the growth of 11 existing agencies and created 13 additional agencies and began taking control of education away from the local school boards and States.

Until that time the goals of American public education had been stated in study after study, beginning with the Seven Cardinal Principles of Secondary Education of 1918, reiterated by the Education Policies Commission of 1944 and emphasized again by the President's Council on Education of 1954. Basically they are summed up in these words, "free the individual to guide his own life, develop his potentialities that he may attain his own happiness and be a moral and upright citizen capable of governing himself." (Modern Secondary Education, Alexander and Saylor, Rinehard & Co. 1960, p. 89)

Only a massive, intensified study of English grammar, spelling and arithmetic can improve the situation, and save America from disaster.

"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance." (James Madison)



"I got my mother trained. All I have to do is rattle the cookie jar to have her come runnin'."

### APOLOGIES DEPT.

Our apologies go to the following employees for being missed on the October Service Plateau.

	33 Yrs.	
Gene Seamark	Assembly Foreman	10-26-42
Andrew Rivard	Purchasing	10-28-42
Lee Herscher	Engineering	10-30-42
	32 Yrs.	
Roger Beckman	Traffic & Service Super.	10-13-43



"If he took that pitch to the major leagues, that kid would never have to toss another paper for the rest of his life."



**OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK**

This week we honor RUBEN HABEDANK, who has been with us since October 10, 1941. RUBE started in the Plow Room, and then moved to the Steel Yards. From there, he went to Dispatching, and did his usual fine job. He was promoted to Foreman, but due to health reasons, was relieved of that responsibility, and has since spent his time in Production Control.

In 1972 RUBE had open heart surgery and he says he feels great, as compared to the way he felt in 1970 when he was the Old Timer.

RUBE and his wife Marian have three children and three grandchildren. The three children they had, but the three grandchildren are new since he was the Old Timer last time.

Son, Wayne, is still at home and is a freshman at East-ridge High School.

Son, Ronnie, is teaching at Rock Island, Illinois.

Daughter Janet is married and lives in Indiannapolis, Ind.

In the years 1943, 44 and 45, RUBE took an extensive "vacation" and toured Europe, being in England, France and Germany. Of course, that "vacation" was with the 30th Infantry. Noteworthy is the fact that he returned from Europe on the Queen Mary.

His hobbies include fishing, travel, and sports. He is a CUB fan, but in this case we'll have to excuse this "fault" as he says he was "born that way". RUBE readily admits to having enjoyed his 34 years here and we consider ourselves fortunate to have him with us.

**FOR RENT:** Unfurnished lower 2 bedroom apartment. All carpeted except kitchen and bath. Heat, Stove and Ref. furnished. Central Air. Nice - good location. Call 939-9737 after 5:00.

**"NOBODY MISSES THE "5" PIN?"**

DANNY LAFOND convinced me that it pays to cry a little. He cried for the first two games that he had no had a 500 series this year. So when he finished bowling he still did not have a "500" but 221-184-222 for a whopping 627. Nice bowling DANNY.

Other good games and series were ESSINGTON 223-573, GALE ALBERS 230-558, ANDERSON 211-528, CONNOVER 200-506, REITMEIER & CRAWFORD 533, T. DUPUIS 531, BOUDREAU 518, and LARSON 514.

Splits were picked up by a few people, STANISZESKI 4 - 10, CONNOVER 6 - 7, MCQUILLAN 5 - 10, & LARSON 5 - 7.

Thanks to CHUCK BRINKMAN, doing a fine job on the books, you had a sheet and a piece in the paper last week. If he could do as good a job on the "5" pin I am sure he would be very happy. Thanks again CHUCK.

Tool Room was the only team to take 4 points doing it to the Engineers.

The team standings are as follows:

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| 1. Stores      | 6. Assembly    |
| 2. Truckers    | 7. Office      |
| 3. Tool Room   | 8. Dispatchers |
| 4. Maintenance | 9. Painters    |
| 5. Welders     | 10. Engineers  |

**REMINDER**

For those employees who previously signed up for the annual flu shots and have not yet received them, Marge Ryan R.N. still is giving them in the First Aid Dept.

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